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Cool Weather in May Makes June an Ideal Time to Plant

Exton, Pennsylvania June 6, 2008— The month of May *should have* brought warm temperatures and sunny days for gardeners to start planting, but the twelve days of rainy weather and twelve days and nights ranging from the cool 60's down to as low as 37 degrees *makes June the new May*.

For many gardeners, it seems as though someone forgot to tell Mother Nature that May arrived, making this spring somewhat less of a sunny delight. Beds still need to be mulched; containers and gardens still need to be filled. Time is of the essence and we are feeling the pinch to get our “backyard get-aways” and summer havens bursting with seasonal colors and smells.

Although the calendar has changed, it doesn't mean that your home and gardens have to suffer. The time is still ripe for planting and Waterloo has the tools you need to get your garden geared up. Petunias, impatiens, marigolds, and salvia will add spring color and smells to your garden. Not to mention, June is an excellent month to find new trees and shrubs to add to your landscape. Waterloo's perennial stock is also in abundance.

Apply your favorite mulch to not only add the finishing touches to your display, but to help the soil retain some of the moisture we've received. This sets your plants up for success when temperatures rise, and rainfall is less.

Did weekend showers keep you from fertilizing and protecting your lawn and plants from damaging summer insects, animals, and warm weather diseases? The window of opportunity is still there. Get your lawn and plants growing with great fertilizers and preventative plant care from Miracle-Gro, Espoma, Organica, Bayer, Liquid Fence, and Whitney Farms.

Add excitement to outdoor living space by including an arbor, fountain, or statuary, or add a touch of whimsy and style with stepping stones, decorative garden stakes, birdhouses, baths, and feeders.

To help generate fresh and creative garden ideas, Waterloo Gardens has taken gardening ideas one step further. We want to help you get the inspiration, ideas, and the impact you desire quickly. Through the July 4th weekend, we will showcase exciting in-store display gardens that are easy to recreate at your home. All of the plants (annual, perennial, and nursery stock) used in our displays will be readily available for sale, along with planting diagrams and care instructions to keep your gardens healthy and growing throughout the entire summer!

“Walk this Way” is our entrance garden display. This garden plays with bold colors in shades of red geraniums and yellow sunflowers. Perennials add permanent splashes of texture to your garden design. Follow the path of exciting colors to gather easy planting ideas to show off your own stylish walk.

Bring delight to your garden by planting blooms that attract butterflies and birds. Every flower in our “Butterfly Bloom” display is known to be a favorite on the butterfly’s menu. Stop in to see the bountiful selection there is to choose from for your own butterfly escape.

June is the new May this year and we’ve all got some planting to do!

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Waterloo Gardens was founded in 1942 by James and Anna Paolini. The company has remained a family owned and operated business with Linda LeBoutillier as CEO (daughter of James & Anna Paolini), Bobby LeBoutillier as President, and Susan LeBoutillier as President of Waterloo Landscaping, Inc. by Design. Now open in four locations throughout Pennsylvania and Delaware, the store carries the area’s largest selection of annuals, perennials, outdoor furniture, and also boasts a large variety of garden supplies and accents, gifts, home decor, and collectibles. In addition, Waterloo is home to the landscaping design and build service, Waterloo Landscaping, Inc. by Design. For more information log onto www.waterloogardens.com or call 610.363.0800