

April - Week 1

Perspective of April Weather

It's that time of year when one hears the phrase "April showers bring May flowers."

While April is the first full month of spring, let's remember that this is the first week of April...in Minnesota. The average low temperatures during the first week of April are near or below freezing depending on where you live. And even though the first 80 degree high can occur in early April our average highs are around 50 degrees. This temperature profile also affects the type of precipitation that occurs.

This week, monitor the weather. Note the temperature and precipitation and also observe the sky and ground conditions. Are you noticing warm winds from the South ushering in spring weather? Do you wake up to puddles from an overnight rain or the melting snow pack? Is there a fresh coating of snow on the ground? Is the ground soft and muddy or still firm with winter's frost? Engage other senses such as your sense of smell. What scents do you notice outside and how does this week's weather affect the smells and the "feel" of spring in the air and under your feet? Create a descriptive page of observations that provide a perspective of the weather this first week of April. Are this week's conditions typical or are you noticing signs of an early or late arrival of spring?



April showers.