

Cold spring costs landscaper \$5,000

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those gardeners who did plant, many are now replacing lost shrubs and flowers.

"I've had people coming in and replacing a lot of the plants they put in," said Jack Burrows, manager of Farmer Jacks in Markham.

Landscapers and garden centers have been hit extremely hard by the cold temperatures in April and May.

"The cold that we had in April and May has probably cost me about \$5,000," said Kay Scott Budd, founder of Markham-based TLC Garden Design and Landscaping.

Both minor and major jobs have been delayed due to unavailability of products, or simply because planting

was not advisable given the temperatures.

"The weather has set back planting and garden design time," Ms Scott Budd said. "It's been too cold either for planting, or too cold and too wet for soft-scaping."

Professional landscaping breaks down into soft-scaping and hard-scaping, and it is the soft-scaping — or planting of flowers and ground cover — which was delayed



KAY SCOTT BUDD
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by the cooler temperatures.

"At the beginning of the season I was working on a couple of jobs that were purely landscaping," said Gary Bouwmeister a Whitchurch-Stouffville landscaper who works across York Region.

"On the soft-scaping we were two weeks behind; it's been too wet or too cold to plant."

Since the warm weather reappeared landscapers are experiencing an overflow of business.

Yet greenhouses and distributors who provide plants are feeling the lack of product caused by the cool temperatures.

"For at least three weeks the availability of plants has been difficult," said Mr. Bouwmeister.

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