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## ***Ready for Spring Planting Season? Horticultural Hotline/Diagnostic Lab Reopens For 2005 Growing Season***

It doesn't matter which groundhog you believe, Punxsutawney Phil (who *did* see his shadow) or Staten Island Chuck (who *did not*), the re-opening of Cornell Cooperative Extension's Horticulture Hotline on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 is one sure sign that spring is just around the corner. Experts in our office at 10 Westbrook Lane, Kingston will be available to answer home horticulture questions on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00 am until 12 noon throughout the 2005 growing season. The **HOTLINE PHONE NUMBER** is 340-3478 (340-DIRT). The diagnostic lab will also be open for plant and insect identification and soil testing. The cost is \$5.00 for plant and insect identification and \$3.00 for a soil test. For more information about the Master Gardener Program, the Spring Seedling Sale or the bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show, please call Master Gardener Program Coordinator, Dona MacWilliams at 845-340-3990.

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