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## ***Ready for Spring Planting?***

### ***Horticulture Hotline/Diagnostic Lab Reopens for 2007 Growing Season***

The ground hog in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania made it official--spring is arriving six weeks early this year! Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Master Gardeners will help anxious gardeners be ready by re-opening their Horticulture Hotline on Friday, March 2 for the 2007 growing season. 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 from March through October. The **HORTICULTURE HOTLINE** offers free, unbiased, research-based information and advice to more than 1,000 home gardeners annually. **THE PHONE NUMBER** is 340-3478 (340-DIRT). Master Gardeners, volunteers trained by Extension experts in the art and science of gardening, will also be available in the office for soil testing, plant and insect identification. The cost is \$5.00 for plant and insect identification and \$3.00 for a soil test. For more information about becoming a Master Gardener, the Spring Seedling Sale or the bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show, please call Master Gardener Program Coordinator, Dona Crawford at 845-340-3990 or visit:

<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster>.

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