



Fair Flora may resume her fragrant reign,  
And with her flow'ry riches deck the plain.  
-Phillis Wheatley, On Imagination

## PLANT SPOTLIGHTS

**Eastern Redbud** (*Cercis canadensis*): You may have noticed the beautiful pink blooms popping out on these trees all over Philly during April. Did you know the buds are edible? Although now the buds have given way to pretty heart-shaped green leaves, next time you see the pink blooms, toss them into salads or spring rolls for a little zest, color, and vitamin C!



*Cercis canadensis*

**Virginia Bluebells** (*Mertensia virginica*): Check out these pretty, native, low-

maintenance spring-bloomers. Best planted with other perennials or annuals that bloom in summer, as that's when Bluebells go dormant.



*Mertensia virginica*, spotted in Chestnut Hill in early May

## EFTE NEWS/UPDATES

**We had a great time at spring festivals in Haverford and Mt. Airy, with just one more to go! Join us at the Chestnut Hill Home and Garden Festival this Sunday May 19.**

**for more info:**

<https://chestnuthillpa.com/events/chestnut-hill-home-garden-festival-2019/>



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Whether you're in need of a dramatic garden transformation, looking to create an ecosystem-strengthening multi-species habitat, or desiring more subtle maintenance or improvements, [EFTE can help!](#)



**Spring Services at EFTE include:**

- Spotted Lantern Fly management
- Garden cleanup, design, planting
- Aerating and amending soil
- Custom classes
- Weed management
- Lawn to garden transformation
- Installation of shrubs, trees, native plants, and pollinators
- Woodland reclamation



## Summer's on the way Special:

\$50 off any eco-landscaping service of \$200 or more. Deadline for confirmed service booking is June 12. Mention code ONTHEWAY

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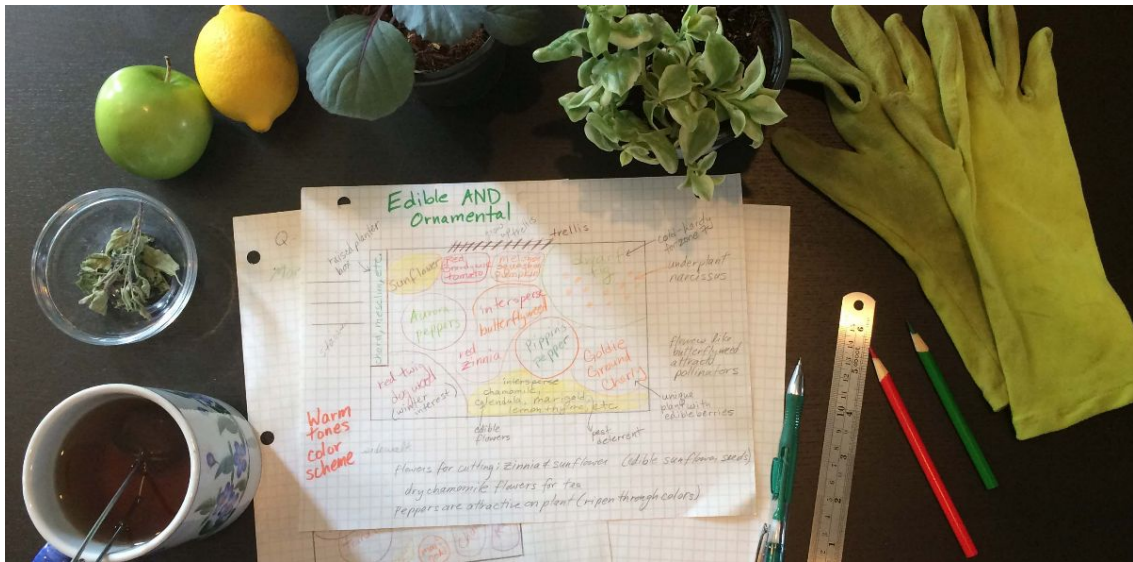


## TIPS 'N TOOLS FOR YOUR VEGGIE GARDEN: APRIL/MAY

Check out our [resources](#), especially this

[Philadelphia-specific growing chart](#).

- April is a great month to plant chard, broccoli, fennel, basil, cucumbers, peppers, and more!
- Rotate crops: try not to plant the same veggies in the same spot each year.
- Variety matters. Take some time to look into where your seeds come from. Heirloom or hybrid? How much do you know about seed-saving?



Eating for the Ecosystem is a woman-owned business with predominately-female work crews. In addition to our meticulous and eco-friendly practices such as limiting our carbon footprint and composting landscape debris, we are also committed to helping clients learn more about—and develop stronger relationships with—the plants in our ecosystem.

## Help us Grow

If you believe a friend or family member would like to learn about Eating for the Ecosystem, please [forward this newsletter](#).



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