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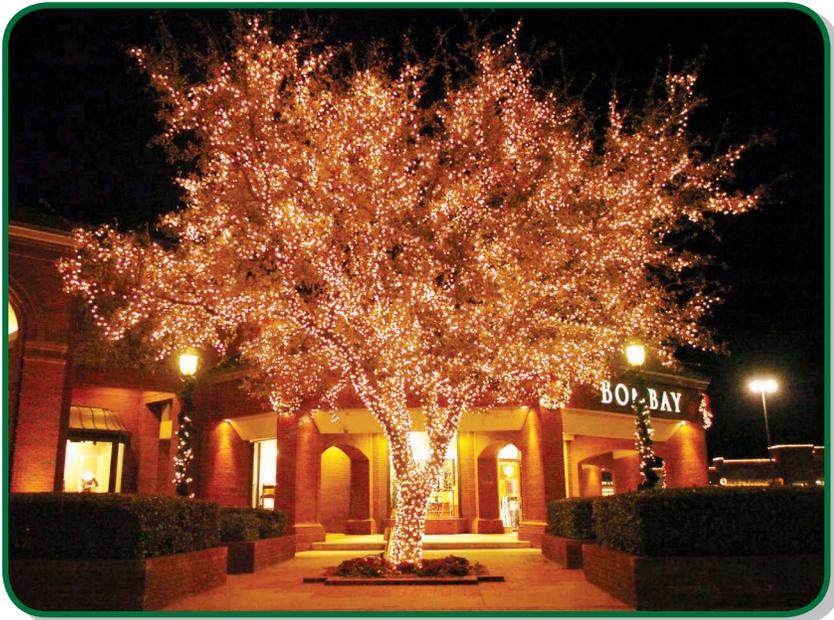
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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! The management and employees of Tree Loving Care sincerely hope that you had a wonderful year and pray for the best for the coming year.



Wow, what a year, and I'm not just talking about the election.

After 34 years, I sold the property in Wolfforth and the Lubbock office of Tree Loving Care will be moving 5 miles west. Our new address will be 6740 E FM 1585, Ropesville, Texas. I sure hope Google can find us. We will be utilizing 3 existing buildings for the winter and will be building a new shop and office this spring.

The Midland office is still growing and still in the same place. The shop is not completely finished inside, but is functional. It is nice to be inside a shop large enough to get equipment inside. Come by to see us sometimes.

From both locations, we are selling firewood. At the Wolfforth location, we are running a special on firewood. \$90 per half cord, picked up. We would much rather sell it than move it. Another development was the departure of Glen Seaman after 8 years. If you were in the habit of calling Glen's cell, please call the office, as his cell no longer works. Butch Lathey and James Tuttle will be sharing his duties. If we can be of any assistance, please give us a call. James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX0117A

Tree Of The Quarter

Arizona Ash, *Fraxinus velutina*, doesn't get a lot of attention, but it does pretty well in much of our region and does have excellent yellow fall color. The tree is completely cold hardy in the entire and is also very heat tolerant. It also tolerates a wide variety of soils from mildly acidic to alkaline.

At maturity, it will achieve heights up to 45' and spread of 60-70'. The reigning co-champion in Texas is in El Paso County and is 58' tall with an 85' spread.



Arizona Ash
(*Fraxinus velutina*)



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

Winter has finally arrived, only a couple of weeks late. Fortunately, we have had good moisture leading into what is normally our driest period of the year.

If we get that moisture along with a cold spell and it comes in the form of snow or ice, be ready to protect your trees and shrubs from the extra weight. Some have estimated that ice accumulation on a tree in leaf can increase the weight of a tree 20-30 times in hours. Sometimes, knocking it off with a long stick or melting some with a jetting nozzle on the end of a water hose may do the trick.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

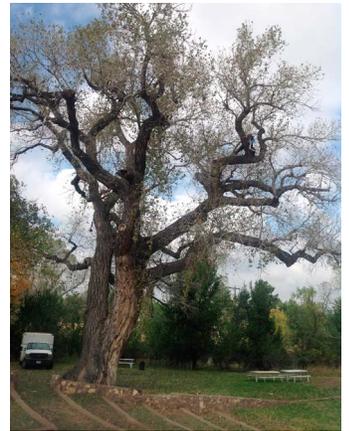
Since most of the critters that attack trees and shrubs are cold blooded, there isn't much activity in winter. They mostly go dormant, along with the tree. That doesn't mean there is no activity. On warm days, some critters may even have enough activity to feed and breed. Mostly, however, they are just moving around. That can be a problem for us, when dealing with a critter that hops a ride on things like firewood.

Much of our problem with the spread of Oak Wilt seems to be that the beetle that spreads the spores might arrive in your town on firewood from Oak Wilt areas down state. Other diseases and insects such as Emerald Ash Borer and Dutch Elm Disease may arrive the same way. The point is, be careful what you are bringing from where.

Dormant oil is a great option for suppression of many insect problems for the coming year. Call one of our Certified Arborists today an appointment to assess your trees needs.

TLC UPDATE

Texas Arbor Day was November 6 and Tree Loving Care celebrated it twice. On November 7, 2016, arborists from Tree Loving Care, along with some other volunteers, pruned several trees in Lubbock Arboretum. This was actually a second day of service at the Arboretum for TLC. In September, we pruned most of the trees along University Av, in front of Hodges Community Center and the Arboretum Interpretive Center. In all, we provided over 60 hours of TLC to trees that were in great need of attention.



The next week, a Tree Loving Care crew celebrated Texas Arbor Day again by pruning a giant Cottonwood at Kokernot Lodge on the campus of Sul Ross University.

Arbor Day is traditionally a day for planting trees but Tree Loving Care also believes in taking care of what you have.



Tommy Schooler, Certified Arborist TX4078A, has returned to Tree Loving Care and will be providing TLC to your trees. Tommy pretty much grew up in Tree Loving Care and is an excellent arborist. Welcome back Tommy!!

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