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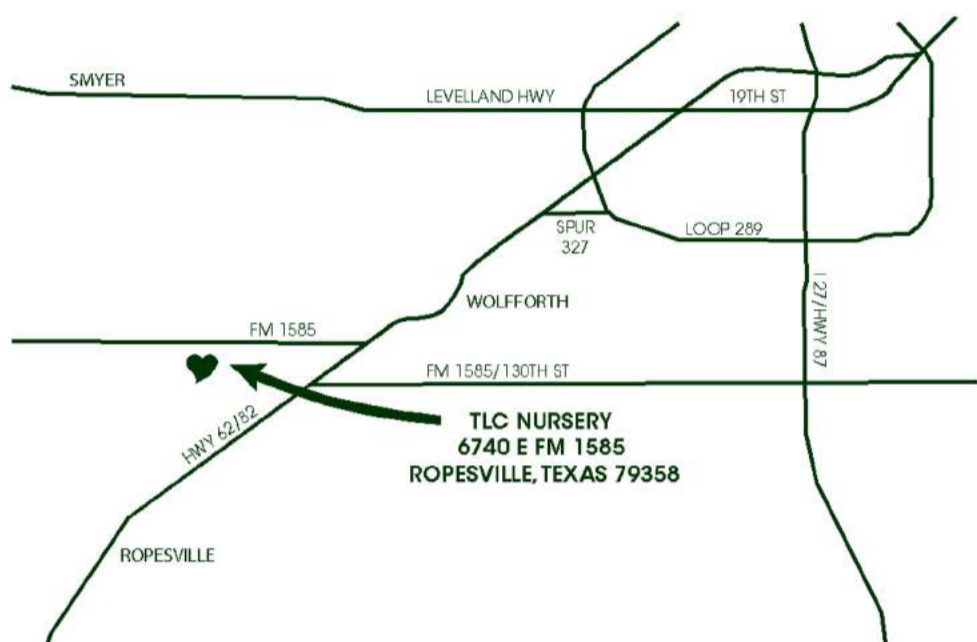
Spring has sprung, and seems to me that it did it at least a couple of weeks early. I saw my first Siberian Elm in bloom on March 3, and a few pears and plums a couple days later. It is important to remember that it takes a lot of water to swell buds, produce flowers, unfold leaves and produce all of that spring wood. Almost no water has fallen from the sky in over 3 months, so we are definitely in a drought period.

Established trees and shrubs generally need 1-2" of water per month. Since none has fallen from the sky, that means you need to provide it. Remember that new trees need to be watered twice per week until they are established.

If you travel the Sharp Freeway or US 62 southwest out of Lubbock, perhaps you have noticed a billboard near our old location just past Wolfforth. It guides you the new TLC Nursery. Just past Wolfforth, turn right, or west, on FM 1585 and go 5 more miles.

TLC Nursery has a great selection of most of the most recommended shade trees for West Texas. We also just got in a shipment of Afghan Pines. They are gorgeous and ready to plant. They range from 4' to 9' tall.

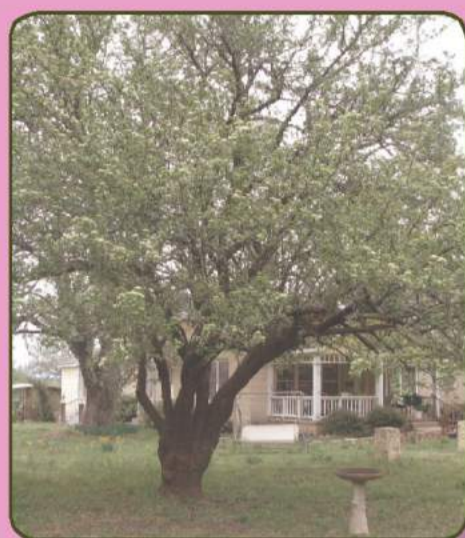
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Tree Of The Quarter

With a name like Rusty Blackhaw, *Viburnum rufidulum*, this small tree doesn't sound like it would be very attractive. But, like its more domesticated cousin, Snowball Viburnum, it has clusters of showy white blooms. It has glossy dark green foliage all summer, attractive blue berries and in the fall, the foliage changes colors, to pink then purple.



Rusty Blackhaw
(Viburnum rufidulum)

Rusty Blackhaw is tolerant of several soil types as long as it has good drainage. It is pretty drought tolerant. In thinner soil with minimal rainfall, the tree may struggle to get 15' tall, but in better sites with ample rainfall, it can grow to 30' or more.

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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

From November through March is the driest time for the entire region. For Lubbock, the average rainfall for this 5 month period is 3.35". For Midland/Odessa, it is 2.83" and Alpine gets 2.63" (and then a whopping .59" in April). Almost none of that average has fallen from the sky this year. In other words, the whole region is bone dry. So, WATER!!!

A layer of composted mulch 2-3" thick is a great way to conserve what moisture we to have. TLC has lots of mulch available.

Limbs from the tree care operations are generally chipped on the jobsite and then dumped at the TLC yard. Later on, these chips are reground in a tub grinder to a smaller and more uniform size and then composted. Both chips and compost are sold in bulk. Bring your pick up or trailer. We can also deliver a whole dump trailer load. It's wonderful stuff!!!

TLC is in the middle of our spring fertilization schedule. If you have not scheduled this service, give TLC a call to have one of our Certified Arborists check your trees.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Spring is a 'happening time of year' in the insect world. Any self-respecting leaf chewing insect is going to come out when the leaves come out. We often get a week of cool, cloudy, rainy weather in March or April. When we do, we also get powdery mildew on several hosts such as Euonymus and Grape Myrtle.

Elms will be leafing out very soon. Elm Leaf Beetle over winters as adults and with warm days, they will be emerging and laying eggs for the first of two or three generations. It is time to spray or inject now for that insect. Pine Tip Moth has multiple generations also. With any critter that has multiple generations, it is most important to control the first one. Call one of our Certified Arborists to schedule an assessment of your trees.



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TLC UPDATE

Members of the TLC team gave a day of service at the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum recently. James Tuttle, a member of the Arboretum Board of Trustees, set up the day of service. This was the second year of what is now an annual event. One goal of the event is to bring together other companies to provide expert support for the Arboretum in maintaining the trees and shrub gardens at the Arboretum. Another goal is to promote professionalism and safety in the industry.

These goals do not preclude the general public from joining the work day. The Arboretum is always in need of volunteers. There is already a dedicated group of volunteers known as the Wednesday Wonders. You are invited to join them and the Arboretum.

