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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

Before beginning to read this newsletter, please go turn your water on and leave it running while you read the rest of this letter. I'll try to make it a long one. If you are a fast reader, when you finish, go grocery shopping and maybe out to eat. Across most of the western fourth of Texas, it has been a very dry winter. Everything needs a good drink. Going into winter, we had excellent subsoil moisture, but that was 3 months ago. We have had almost no moisture since a December snow.

A few months ago, Milton Kirby, one of my friendly competitors in Midland, told me he was retiring and asked if **Tree Loving Care** would be interested in serving his clients. I told him we would be honored and delighted. So, just like that, TLC has gotten back into the lawn care business. We are now offering lawn services including post and pre-emergent weed control, lawn insect and disease management and lawn fertilization. The transition has not been as seamless as I had hoped, and I do appreciate all the patience shown by Milton's clients as we adjust to 200 plus new clients with less than a month to prepare.

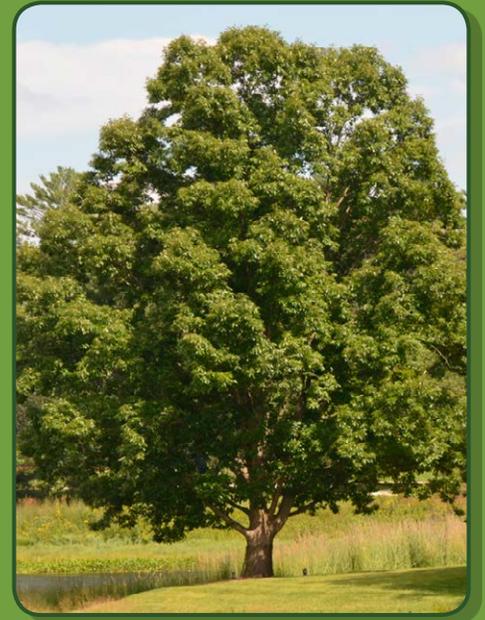
TLC Nursery has just gotten in several loads of gorgeous new trees. We now have over 300 trees of in over 25 various species and varieties. Come pick out your shade. We have trees from the size you can plant yourself by hand to trees large enough to need a crane.



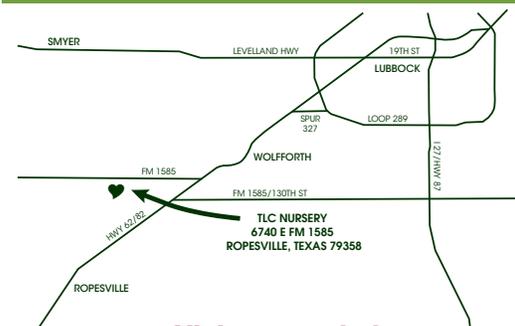
Tree Of The Quarter

Chinquapin Oak, *Quercus muehlenbergii*, is native in much of Texas, from Northeast Texas of West Texas. It generally grows in limestone soils, often along creeks. It is a fairly fast grower, usually about as broad as tall and getting up to 70' of height with age.

Chinkapin (both are recognized spellings) Oak is in the white oak group and more resistant to Oak Wilt. It is a tree that needs to be used more in the landscape. TLC Nursery just got in a shipment of nice 30 gallon trees.



Chinquapin Oak
(*Quercus muehlenbergii*)



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

Spring is a busy time of year. Weeds that germinated in October-December are doing very well. Everything else needs a boost. The first round of pre-emergent herbicide was applied already and the first round of lawn fertilization is just around the corner. TLC is just beginning the spring round of Deep Root Fertilization. If you aren't scheduled, call one of our Certified Arborists to get on our schedule. The toll free number is 877-594-8733.

Unwanted fruit and nuts can be managed with Florel. That is a product that is quite effective when sprayed at the right time. That time is when the flowers are at peak bloom opening. Our arborists monitor all phases of plants development and will let you know when the proper time is here. However, a lot of trees, oaks in particular, are quite variable. If your trees begins to flower and you don't know for sure that we are days away, call us.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

March and April is the best time to control Elm Leaf Beetle and Pine Tip Moth. If you have Siberian Elm or Afghan Pine, give us a call. Those are perennial problems. There are many insect and disease problems that are mainly spring problems. Remember that it is much easier

to solve many of these problems when they first arise instead of waiting until they have done a lot of damage. One great reason to be on our lawn care program is that we have reason to make more frequent visits to your property and discover and control these problems when they are small.



TLC UPDATE

Give a welcome to Marty Chadwick. Marty is the new manager of the Midland office. He spent over 20 years at Andrews, Texas golf course and with the city of Andrews Parks department. Marty will be doing the scheduling and overseeing the lawn program and scheduling the tree care crews. All bookkeeping for both locations will still be handled through the Lubbock office.

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