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## Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Tree Loving Care. It is hard to believe that another year is just about gone.

We are still trying to get as many people as possible converted over to email as possible, so if we can communicate with you via email, whether it is sending you the newsletter, statements or insect alerts, please make sure that we have your current email address and if you change address, please let us know. Just send an email and we'll add you to our list.

Tell your friends also, we'd be glad to send them the newsletter via email.

If you have a question about your trees or shrubs, feel free to email a photo. Please realize that there are limits to what can be determined that way, but it can be a good starting point for determining the problem.

*James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX 0117*

*'Justice is the end of government. It is the end of civil society. It ever has been and ever will be pursued until it be obtained, or until liberty be lost in the pursuit. In a society under the forms of which the stronger faction can readily unite and oppress the weaker, anarchy may truly be said to reign as in a state of nature, where the weaker individual is not secure against the violence of the stronger; and as, in the latter state, even the stronger individuals are prompted, by the uncertainty of their condition, to submit to a government which may protect the weak as well as themselves; so, in the former state, will the more powerful factions or parties be gradually induced, by a like motive, to wish for a government which will protect all parties, the weaker as well as the more powerful.'* The Federalist #51 James Madison

## Tree Loving Care Update . . .

James Majors, Steven Proa and Erik Suniga all celebrated anniversaries with TLC this last quarter. James (Jimmy) has been with us for 4 years, Steven for 2 years and Erik for 1 year.

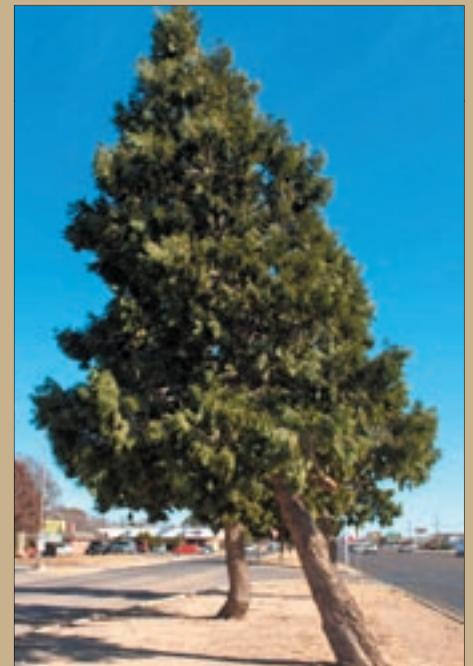
If you have problems with severe winter weather such as breakage of branches or snow covered parking lots, give us a call. We will respond quickly to emergencies



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## Tree Of The Quarter

If you might need to make some pencils in the future, you might want to plant an Incense-Cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*). The native range of this tree is along the Pacific coast of California and Oregon and in their central valleys in moist to dry slopes from about 2000-8000 ft. elevation. Mature size is 60-80 feet. Photo below is of one planted in a parkway strip in the middle of Lubbock about 40 years ago. This tree is about 35' tall and gets very little water.



Incense Cedar

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## Give Your Trees TLC

It looks as if we will be right on track for an average year of rainfall. And very little of that has fallen lately. Of course, that means that you need to thoroughly water your trees a couple of times this winter. At least one watering should be done soon. Well watered plants are much better able to tolerate cold temperatures. If you water with your sprinkler, run it for 2-3 hours per section. If you have much slope, you might need to water for only 15-20 minutes per section to prevent too much runoff, but let it run a number of times.

One thing that will help you manage your watering is changing you controller to a 'Smart Controller'. If you don't have a favorite

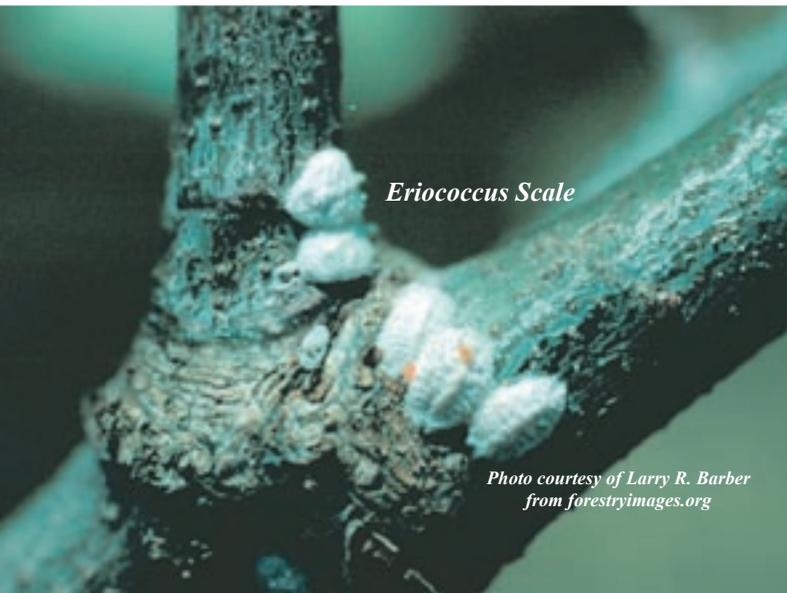
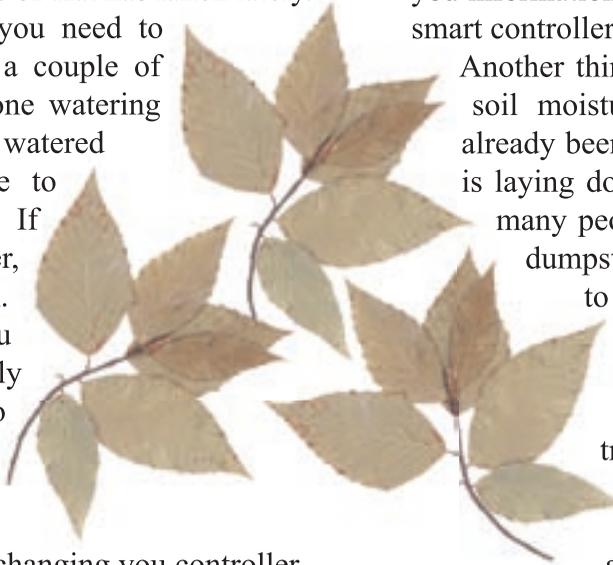
irrigator, Watermaster Irrigation Supply will be glad to give you information on Smart Controllers. A good website on smart controllers is [www.irrigation.org/swat/default.asp](http://www.irrigation.org/swat/default.asp).

Another thing that needs to be done to help manage soil moisture is to mulch everything. God has already been doing that for a while, but as fast as He is laying down the insulating blanket for the winter, many people are raking it up and putting it in the dumpster. If that has been you, please come out to TLC and get some mulch. Two to three inches of mulch will work wonders for insulating and conserving moisture.

Well mulched and well watered trees are better able to withstand extreme cold temperatures.

Ice storms can build up on branches and double their weight in a matter of hours.

Knocking snow and ice off can save a lot of damage.



*Eriococcus Scale*

*Photo courtesy of Larry R. Barber  
from [forestryimages.org](http://forestryimages.org)*

## Critters and Cruds

Scale insects can be managed with a spray application of dormant oil. Severe infestations of just about any scale should be attacked with more than just spraying when they hatch.

Eriococcus scale on Red Oaks should hatch about the end of January. We've found in on at least 15 more trees on at least 6 more sites in southwest Lubbock since the last newsletter. The reproductive potential of this insect is phenomenal.