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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

WOW, WHAT A YEAR. To say that this has been a tough year is an understatement in so many ways it is almost impossible to know where to start. However, even with a new disaster and stress every month, there have been many blessings. I thank God for these blessings and hope that you have been able to do that also.

Some of you thought I was talking about Covid, pandemics, government shutdowns, CDC changing guidelines and the election. I was talking about one of the driest years on record and a month of 100+ temperatures. Wow, what a year.

I think some of you will be like me, staying up New Years eve. Not to celebrate, but to make sure that 2020 leaves.

TLC Nursery and new shop construction was put on hold this summer because of some personal issues, but we do have a lot of really nice trees and recently got in a couple loads of more beautiful trees with several more on the way. We are putting a few loads of trees at the Midland location also. These trees are mostly balled and burlapped trees from 3" caliper and larger. We plan to get a few specimen trees that are much larger than you normally find in nurseries.

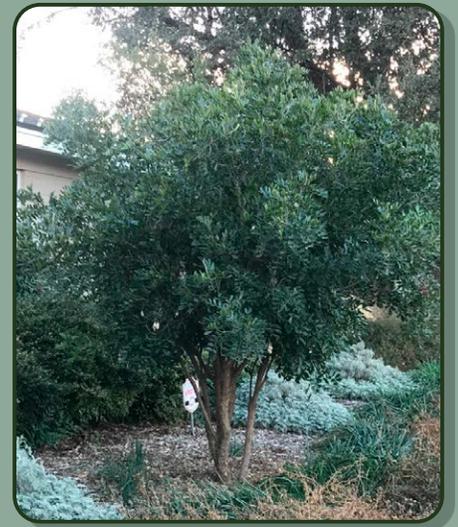


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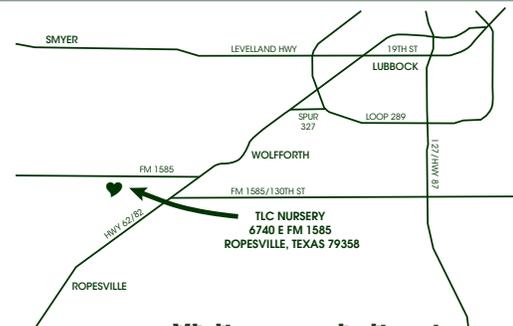
Tree Of The Quarter

Texas Mountain Laurel, *Sophora secundiflora* is an evergreen large shrub to small tree. It is native to much of the central and west Texas. It occasionally gets to 25' tall and is drought and very heat tolerant.

Over the last few years, Mountain Laurel has become more popular and is much more available in the nursery trade. Availability should not be a problem. This is a good alternative as an evergreen in the same situations that Yaupon Hollies were used.



Texas Persimmon,
(*Diodpyros texana*)



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

2020 has been an extraordinary year. Most of west Texas is currently under 'exceptional' drought. One of the reasons fall is such a great time to plant is that it is the main period for root growth. Growing roots takes water. So water thoroughly. New trees need enough water to get the entire soil ball wet at least once a week during the dormant season. Established trees need thorough watering about once a month to 6 weeks.

Trees that were yellow this past summer need to be injected with micro-nutrients during this dormant season. TLC can turn these trees green for two years with one injection.

This is also still an excellent time for deep root fertilization. Call 877-594-8733 to have one of our Certified Arborists assess your tree's needs.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Normally, there isn't a lot of insect activity during the winter. However, an application of dormant oil during the winter, when insects are at their weakest can give great benefits for the coming year. Dormant oils coat adults and eggs of insects and mites and suffocate and kill many. Reducing the population now means much less breeding adults in the spring.

TLC UPDATE

This is the time of year that nurseries begin to bring in plant material for the upcoming season. TLC Nursery is bringing in truckloads of trees. James Tuttle, lead Arborist for TLC is personally picking out every almost every tree. THEY ARE GORGEOUS!!! We now have these same beautiful trees in Midland. The tree lot in Midland is at 7012 N CR 1297, Midland.

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