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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

Lubbock Arboretum is located at 4111 University Ave, Lubbock, in K.N. Clapp Park and has the most diverse plantings of trees and shrubs anywhere on the South Plains. If you love plants, whether it be trees, shrubs or flowers or all of the above, come visit the Lubbock Arboretum and sign up as a volunteer. You will be richly rewarded with new knowledge and new friends. Click on www.lubbockarboretum.org and find the volunteer page. The Arboretum is an all volunteer organization and really needs your help. There are opportunities for everyone, regardless of age or skill.

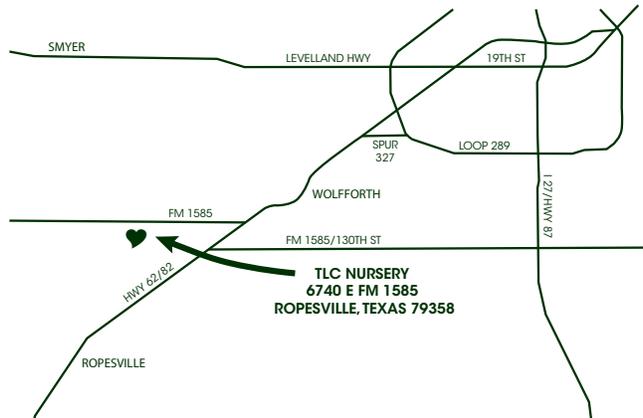


I sure hope everyone has been praying for rain. Almost all parts of West Texas are in a drought. Some of far West Texas, from Van Horn to El Paso are only abnormally dry, but since these areas are smack dab in the middle of the Chihuahuan Desert in a good year, saying that these areas are dry, solicits a 'and?' response. The rest of West Texas is in moderate to severe drought conditions.

As I am writing this, a thunderstorm kicked up near my house and dumped at least 3/100's if an inch of rain. An hour later it was all gone. Mid-June through August is not a normally rainy period, but it is a time of high water need for almost all plants. Most landscapes need 1.5-2" per month during the growing season of April through August. That needs to be applied 1/2"-1" ever 7-10 days. Most landscapes don't need to be watered any more than once per week, but it needs to be a good drink.

If you have been pleased with the work that Tree Loving Care has done for you, please give us a good review on Google. If not, please let us know so we can fix it.

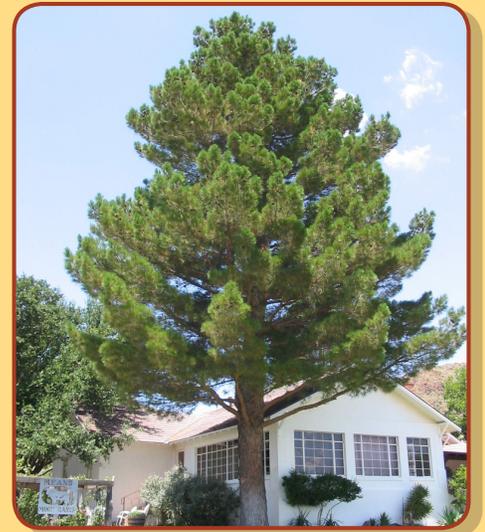
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Tree Of The Quarter

Afghan Pine, *Pinus Edarica*, is a large and fast growing pine. It is one of the most commonly used trees for windbreak in the southwestern US for the last 40 years. It is very drought tolerant once established. Not long after being introduced into the nursery trade, Shepard and Harris, Associates, trademarked the name Mondale and used that name for only a couple of years, but the name has stuck in many places. Even the name Mondell is used. The most correct common name is Afghan Pine.



Afghan Pine
(*Pinus Edarica*)

Afghan pine can grow to 60-80' tall and 30-40' wide. The biggest problem seems to be Pine Tip Moth, but that seems to be mostly a problem with young trees and trees that are over watered.

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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

West Texas is officially in a drought that does not mean landscapes need to be watered 2-3 times a week. A good soak every 7-10 days is much more beneficial. Of course, this is for established trees. If you planted a tree this year, water is 2 times per week until it is established.

It is always beneficial to know about the quality of your water, but in all areas of West Texas, we have hard water. Permian Basin water has very hard water with Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) generally ranging from over 1000 TDS to almost 3000 TDS. That is very salty. Watering 2-3 times per week with hard water will

create salt problems. One solution is to apply gypsum annually. A 50 pound bag will cover 4000-6000 sq. ft. Call one of our certified Arborists to address any soil fertility problems that you might have.

Organic matter buffers many of these problems and is essential to tree health. A healthy forest soil is generally 3-5% organic matter. Our soils are prairie soils and often contain less than 1% organic matter. Addition of mulches and incorporation of composted organic matter into the soil is very beneficial. TLC has 1000's of cubic yards of great compost. Come get a truck load. It is \$30 per cubic yard loaded on your truck.



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CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Eriococcus scale continues to be a major problem on Red Oaks in the Lubbock area. It was found in Odessa several years ago, but the population has not yet exploded in the Permian Basin as it has in Lubbock. If you see this insect on your Red Oaks, call one of our **Certified Arborists** for diagnosis and to discuss control measures. The phone number of all areas of Texas is 877-549-8733.

Elm Leaf Beetle and Obscure Scale both need to be controlled now. Generally, insect and disease problems are more easily controlled early in their life cycle.

TLC UPDATE

James Tuttle, Kevin Pickens, Chris Lathey, and Adam Hamad went to the Texas Tree Climbing Championship in Waxahachie May 18 & 19. It was, as always, a great event. James judged the Work Climb event. Keith Cooper, a former TLC climber from the Midland office, made the finals for the first time.

TLC Nursery still has lots of trees. TLC Nursery is located 6 miles west of Wolforth on FM 1585. Come out and take a look.

Planting trees, especially big trees, in the summer comes with cautions. Foliage must be sprayed with an anti-transpirant and the tree must be covered with a tarp or shade cloth to prevent wind burn during transit. Newly transplanted trees must be watered twice per week without fail. Watering needs to be enough to get the entire root ball wet.