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## **GIVE YOUR TREES TLC**

Deep Root Fertilization is a great way to promote root growth. Fall is a main period of root growth. The Deep Root Fertilization that TLC uses is designed to keep our soils healthy and ideal for that root growth. Call one of our Certified Arborists to have your trees assessed. A diagnostic visit is only \$80.

Our Arborists are trained to notice things that escape the average person and we can solve problems while they are small problems.

## **CRITTERS AND CRUDS**

The rain this summer created great conditions for an outbreak of Diplodia blight on pines. If you had some limbs suddenly die, especially, Afghan Pine, that was probably the problem. September is the ideal time to treat. Call one of our Certified Arborists.

Aphids are always a problem in late summer to early fall. They suck sap and excrete the excess all over cars and outdoor furniture. TLC can take care of this situation.

The South Plains area number is 809-785-8733 and Permian Basin and Alpine area is 432-620-8733.

## **TLC UPDATE**

James Tuttle gave a talk on tree care to the Big Bend Native Plant Society in Alpine in mid-August.

Tommy Shepker, a foreman in the Midland office has a new granddaughter. I'm sure he will tell you how cute she is if you ask him.

James Tuttle, Butch and Joyce Lathey will be going to the Texas Tree Conference in late September.



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## Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers,

The rain this year has been a wonderful blessing. So far, this is the 27th wettest year in Texas since 1895. This means your trees have been and will continue to grow more. It also means that a lot of the area got enough water to flush out some of the salts. Be cautious about putting too much of the salt back. In other words, quit frequent watering if you got a good rain last week. However, I must caution everyone that you should judge 'good rain; by your rain gauge. Feelings don't always translate to accuracy. A good rain is an inch or more.

At my house, west of Lubbock, I got 1.5 inches recently and was already out of drought conditions. I won't water again for at least 2 weeks.

Fall is the main period for root growth. We have had excellent rain. The soil is warm. These are excellent conditions for growing roots. You can preserve these conditions far longer into the winter by spreading an inch or two of wood chip mulch on the soil surface, especially a bare soil surface. A layer of mulch conserves moisture, insulates and promotes soil life. It promotes a healthy soil. Tree Loving Care has a lot of mulch. If you come load it yourself, fresh mulch is free. If we load, it's \$10/yard. Re-ground mulch is \$10 if you load and \$20 if we load. It's a great way to promote healthy soil. Healthy soil means healthy trees.

I will be heading to New Zealand in a few weeks to again judge the **International Tree Climbing Championship**. The event is being held in the Botanic Garden in Christchurch. It should be a wonderful venue. I still don't know what judging crew I will be on. It takes about 50 judges for just the preliminaries.

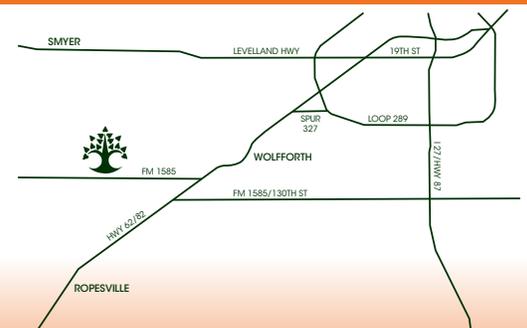
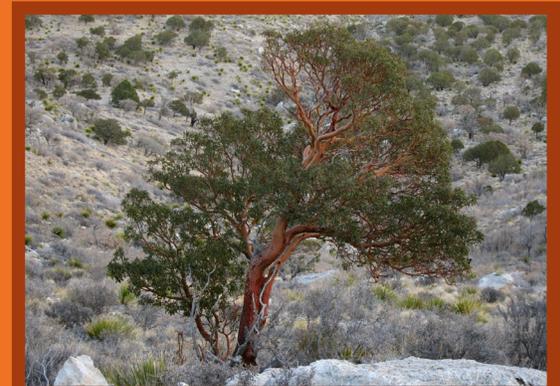
TLC has some beautiful large trees for sale. Come out to the Lubbock yard about 6 miles west of Wolfforth on FM 1585 to take a look. Planting season is about to begin.

James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX 0117A

## Tree Of The Quarter

**Texas Madrone, *Arbutus xalapensis*, is a small broadleaved evergreen tree, native to the Trans Pecos (Big Bend) and Edwards Plateau (Hill Country)**

**It is very drought tolerant, and prefers a well drained soil. It is notorious for being difficult to transplant but is well worth the effort.**



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