

Love Letter from . . .

Tree Loving Care

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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

Christmas will be upon us faster than you can say St Nick. If we have put up Christmas Décor for you before, you should be getting a re-install proposal soon, if not already. We usually start installations by the second week of October. If you are not a previous client for Christmas Décor, we have plenty of time to work you in.



If you want this service, one of our decorators will come by, design a display to show off your home, installers will custom fit the lights and other décor such as wreaths, garland or anything else that suits your desires. We check and maintain the décor throughout the season and after the season is over, take everything down, box it up and store it. All you do is enjoy the season!!!

Fall is for planting. As sap flow downward in the fall, it increases in sugar (stored as starch) content and this enables trees to grow more roots. This is one of the main factors that make fall the ideal time to plant trees and shrubs.

TLC Nursery is now open and has an excellent selection of well adapted shade trees for your landscape. A tree that costs as little as \$200 can, in as little as 30 years increase in value to as much as \$10,000. Try to get that kind of return in the market. Granted, you may not realize the \$10,000 in dollars, but that also doesn't factor in other intrinsic values such as decreased cooling costs, increase in salability of your home and 30 years of relationship with the tree. So, come out FM 1585 about 6 miles west of Wolfforth and take a look at our beautiful trees. We install and guarantee our trees for 2 years.



This has been one of the wettest summers in my memory. We had one long spell in early summer, about a month in May/June that little to no rain, but the rest of the summer had frequent and very beneficial rain. I am frequently asked the question, why, with all this rain, do you say my tree died of drought?

Trees are survivors. They respond in years and decades, not days and weeks. The drought that began in the middle of 2010 and lasted about 3 years was one of the most severe the desert and the rest of Texas has seen, by most accounts, surpassing the drought of the mid-50's. The effects of the drought are longer lasting than the drought. When the drought is broken, even if by torrential rains, trees don't instantly respond. It may take years for trees to recover, if they do at all.

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Tree Of The Quarter

Chinese Pistachio, *Pistacia chinensis*, is a native to central and western China but is well adapted to our environment also. It tolerates poor soil, is fairly drought tolerant and has few insect or disease problems. The tree is considered to be a medium size tree, growing to about 40' tall. It is generally round headed, as broad as tall.

One of the main attributes is its excellent fall color, something that we often have little of. TLC has an excellent selection of Chinese Pistachio.



Chinese Pistachio
(*Pistacia chinensis*)



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