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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

Spring has sprung and as is normally the situation at this time of year, some of our areas are a little dry. According to the USDA drought monitor, the Lubbock area is not in drought, most of the Permian Basin is Abnormally Dry to Moderate Drought. This is far better that we have seen the last few springs.

However, it does take a lot of water to expand and open buds, unfold leaves, flower and grow new shoots and roots. So water!!!

You should put on about 1.5-2" per month. It is far better to do this all in one or two waterings that get the water deep than it is to water ¼" at a time every 3 days. Our strong spring winds can dry that out in hours and all the water is gone. I like to start the spring with about 3" at one time.

I had the great pleasure of going to Brazil for a good part of the winter. I have 4 grandchildren there, two of whom I had not yet met. Benjamin is 3 and Beatrice is almost a year. I want to tell you, if you don't already know, grandchildren are great. The oldest grandson was 12 when I last visited Brazil and now he's shaving. Time flies. Don't let it pass too quickly.

I also drove around the country quite a bit and saw many waterfalls. Brazil is a big country and is the fresh water capital of the world. The Amazon Basin is often referred to as the Lungs of the World, although the flora in the ocean produces far more oxygen. I traveled mostly in the Cerrado and Atlantic regions. All have great beauty. It was the rainy season so water was seeping from everywhere. Between Rio de Janiero and Sao Paulo, there were many waterfalls just along the highway . water was just falling down the mountain every ¼ mile. For a country boy from the desert, it was a sight for sore eyes. I also came home inspired by thousands of live edge tables and benches. They were everywhere.

The new office is dried in and we hope to be finished with it before summer starts. We are building with columns and beams and other wood cut on our own sawmill from trees that we removed from your landscapes. So come out and see what we have done with your wood. There will be tables and benches from the mill.

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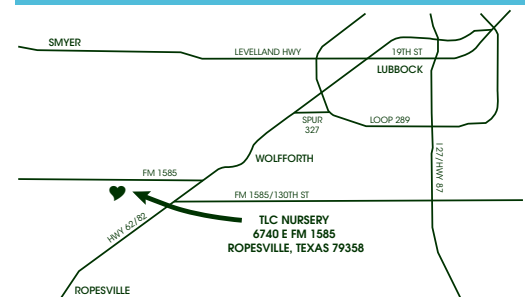
Tree Of The Quarter

Rusty Blackhaw, *Viburnum rufidulum*, is a small tree native in the Cross timbers region of Texas. A large one might be 7" diameter trunk and 20' tall. They prefer a fairly rich soil but are pretty forgiving about soil type. In Lubbock or Midland, they will definitely need supplemental water, but so does almost everything else.

It is a great tree to plant along the back fence if you have overhead utilities.



Rusty Blackhaw
(*Viburnum rufidulum*)



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

It takes a lot of water to expand flower and leaf buds, open leaves, grow shoots and roots and all of the processes that a plant undergoes in the spring. Water your trees and shrubs THOROUGHLY at least once a month.

Spring deep root fertilization is very important for good spring growth and to prepare the trees for the rigors of our hot summers. Call 877-594-8733 to have one of our Certified Arborists assess your tree's needs.

If you have trees in power lines, call us. We understand all of the implications of the tree and utility conflict. Often, after we prune the tree, we treat with a growth regulator to minimize regrowth.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Elm Leaf Beetle is a perennial problem, mainly on Siberian Elm. There are three generations per year, with the first coinciding with leaf emergence. With any pest that has multiple generations, knocking that first one back can really make a difference in the amount of damage. Don't wait until extensive damage has been done.

There are many sap sucking and leaf chewing insects emerging now. Call 877-594-8733 to have an arborist check your trees.

TLC UPDATE

TLC is milling logs for heavy timbers, mantles, and slabs for live edge tables and benches. We will be making this kind of items as well as art pieces. Contact James Tuttle for any custom milling you might need.



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