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## Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

With summer setting in, everyone needs to water. I recently spoke to the Lubbock Master Gardeners and my first comment was to tell them that the main take away that I wanted them to have was to water longer. Way too many people water too often but not for long enough. If you are one of those people that water for 12 minutes MWF, please stop. Please change to 12 minutes at 2, 4 and 6 AM on Monday. And do a 'can' test. Measure your sprinkler output and never water less than an inch.

Look around your neighborhood and see if vacant lots and pastures are green. If they are, you might not need to water at all. Almost all of the east half of Texas is under water (or at least they feel like it). Most of the west half is moderately dry to moderate drought. Down around Alpine, everything is brown and crisp. It is cheaper to water the tree than pay me to take it out. Please water.

The new Lubbock office is just about finished. We hope to be in it before the end of June. Please come out to visit. I think you will like the look. Most of the finish out will be wood off of the sawmill from logs that we hauled from your yard. Come out and see if you can identify your tree!!

James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX0117A

## Tree Of The Quarter

Colorado Pinyon, *Pinus edulis*, is a two needle pine that is commonly found in dry rocky sites at 5000-8000 feet elevation, where natural rainfall is 10-20 inches per year. They have a very extensive root system, a feature common with plants that grow in harsher conditions. The Colorado Pinyon is one of 5 species of Pinyons, names for their edible seeds (Pinyon nuts), which are highly nutritious. They rarely produce well at lower elevations and in watered landscapes, but are an excellent ornamental small slow growing tree. They should be planted in landscape zones with minimal water plants. When planted in heavily watered landscapes, they are more susceptible to insect and disease problems. In other words, don't over water them.

Tree Loving Care has some excellent specimens in 45 gallon containers.



**Colorado Pinyon**  
(Colorado Pinyon)



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## GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

If your trees need pruning, whether it be dead limb removal or structural pruning, cabling and bracing, tree removal, stump grinding or insect or disease management, Tree Loving Care will perform the work in a professional and timely manner at a reasonable cost. When we are finished, we process everything by recycling and repurposing. We don't go to the landfill.

Come check out the new Lubbock office and see if you want to take home one of the live edge tables or benches or one of the other works of art.

Tree Loving Care sends out email notifications to clients to inform them of what is coming next in the insect world of their trees. In other words, we are proactive in solving problems.

## CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Oak Wilt is a vascular wilt, a fungal disease of oaks. It spreads mostly through the root system. Roots of all trees extend for a much greater distance outward than most people realize and when roots of two oaks touch, they will graft together and provide a continuous vascular system. Sometimes all the way down the block. The disease organism moves through the vascular system

from one tree to another and tends to spread outward at about 75-100' per year.

Sometimes there seems to be little movement and some years more. This year, we are seeing more movement. Call one of our Certified Arborists to have your trees assessed. Oak Wilt, as with all insect and diseases, is easier to prevent than cure.

The overland transmission of Oak Wilt is done by a Sap Beetle that is attracted to the sap ooze from a fresh wound. As the beetle is more active in the spring and the sap flow is greater in the spring, we avoid pruning March-May. We have already begun pruning Oaks again.

Call 877-894-8733 to have one of our Certified Arborists come out to diagnose any tree problem you might have.

## TLC UPDATE

In May, James Tuttle and Chris Hoover went to Waxahachie, Tx for the Tx Tree Climbing Championship. James was head judge on Throw Line event. It is one of 5 preliminary events and measures a climber's ability to get their climbing system set in the tree. It is how climbers access the tree. Chris Hoover was the aerial technician on the event. Chris is a foreman in the Midland office. To see how the climbers function in a tree, just YouTube 'Tree Climbing Championship'.

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