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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers,

Finally, a little bit of rain in far southwest Texas. It was enough to get about a third of the area that been in Exceptional Drought all the way to severe drought. Fortunately, the Lubbock area is only moderately dry. It is important to remember that you either live in the desert or close to the desert. Plant and water accordingly. Generally, that means water less often but for a longer run time.

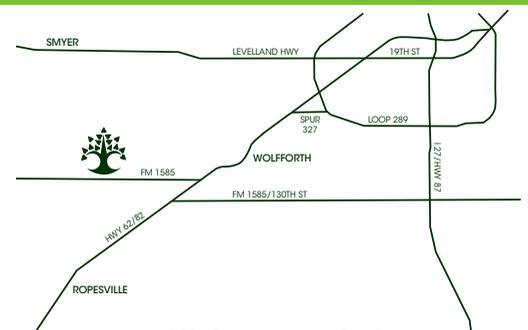
In March, I had the privilege of judging the North American Tree Climbing Championship. I was a scoring judge on Work Climb, one of the preliminary events. In May, I was head judge on Throw Line in the Texas Tree Climbing Championship. I am proud to announce that us old guys have hope. Jimmie Pritchard, at 52 years old, won the Texas Title. I hope to judge him again at International in New Zealand this fall. These tree climbing events are not only a lot of fun, they are also a breeding ground for new techniques and devices for speed and efficiency. More importantly, they are events all about safety.

TLC is and has been cutting cookies and planks from logs that we have salvaged from our tree care operations and have plenty of lumber for your wood working projects. Come out and take a look. If you want something cut to a certain dimension and we don't have it, we can custom cut to your dimensions.

James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX 0117A

Tree Of The Quarter

Italian Stone Pine, *Pinus pinea*, is also called Umbrella Pine due to its tendency to have a quite even rounded top. It goes up to 3 feet in diameter and 65' tall. It is one of, if not the largest growing pine in West Texas. Give it some room. It casts a dense shade. Don't expect grass to grow under the canopy.



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

The South Plains and northern part of the Permian Basin have had enough rain to no longer be in the exceptional drought category and is now just severe to extreme drought. The main point is to water deeply and thoroughly when you water. An inch of rain in a day is far better than one tenth of rain every day for 10 days. That kind of rain is called evaporative cooling and lasts about 15 minutes.

Mulch helps retain moisture and provides so much other benefits. Those benefits cannot be stressed strongly enough. Tree Loving Care has the best deal on wood chip mulch. FREE!! Bring your shovel and a pickup and have a ball. We regrind wood chips and that produces a more uniform mulch. For that product, we do charge \$30/cubic yard loaded on your truck or trailer. The reground mulch is only available at the Lubbock location. We just don't have enough room at the Midland location.

TLC UPDATE

Tree Loving Care has been providing consulting services for decades. One consulting service that buyers of existing or older homes should take advantage of is an inspection and assessment of the trees. Buyers have inspections for roofs, foundations and plumbing. Why not the trees? TLC gets many calls every spring from new clients because they discover that they have a dead tree or unsafe tree at their new home. Upon inspection, the tree has been dead for years or has been ready to fall apart for years. Most home inspection services just are not equipped to provide this service. Call Tree Loving Care and have one of our Certified Arborists inspect before you buy.

Speaking of calling Tree Loving Care, the telephone saga that we have been going through for over 6 months has finally been resolved. We no longer have the toll free number of 800-594-8733, but you can now reliably reach us on the Lubbock number, 806-785-8733, or the Midland number, 432-620-8733. And you can always reach us through the website, www.treelovingcare.com or the admin email, tlc@treelovingcare.com

On another note, one of our climbers in Midland, Tommy Shepker, lost his house in a fire last week. If you would like to bless him you can send that to Tree Loving Care and we will make sure that he gets it.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Most insects emerge according to accumulations of heat. A few are more affected by day length. All have a somewhat predictable timetable. All insect or disease problems are much easier to manage when the problem is still small. Don't wait until the insect is full size and has already done most of their damage to call Tree Loving Care. At that point, we might still be able to control the insect, but they will have already damaged your trees and shrubs. Call Tree Loving Care to have one of our Certified Arborists inspect your trees and make recommendations for timely control.

TLC is still getting calls for Pine Tip Moth. They have three generations every year beginning about end of March. The third generation is just about finished by end of June. It is about too late to control. Elm Leaf Beetle is almost as bad but there is still time to control that insect. If you have elms, call now.

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