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# Tree Loving Care

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## Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the TLC family.

Tree Loving Care has been very blessed this year. We are very grateful for all our friends and loyal clients. Tree Loving Care is almost finished with our 45th year in business. This has been one of our best years in business. We are eternally grateful.

I will be ending my term as President of the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum Foundation at the end of this year but will continue to serve on the board and will continue to support the goals and efforts of the Arboretum. I urge you to do the same. To join the Arboretum, simply go to [lubbockarboretum.org](http://lubbockarboretum.org) membership page and join or donate.

We've been in the new shop building for just over a year and intend to start the new office building shortly after the new year. Stop by the Lubbock office this winter and pick out a new tree for your landscape.

The prime planting season just started. March will be about the end of the best time and April it too late for many trees.

James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX0117A

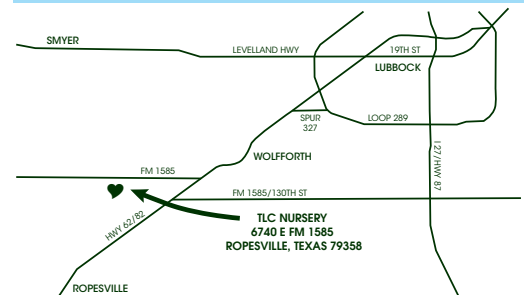


## Tree Of The Quarter

**Grey Oak, *Quercus grisea*.** Is a small to medium Live Oak that is native to SW Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and northern Mexico. It is commonly found on dry rocky sites and it is very drought tolerant. When it is planted in a watered landscape, it will grow faster and get a bit bigger but still only a medium size tree. Foliage has a little bit of a greyish or glaucous cast. It isn't as blue as the Mexican Blue oak but it will hybridize with it. It is a great tree for an arid landscape in a small yard. Finding it in the nursery trade might be a little iffy but well worth the effort.



**Grey Oak**  
(*Quercus grisea*)



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## GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

West Texas winters are normally dry with most areas getting just over 1" average rainfall for the months of November through March. That is barely enough to keep up with evaporation, leaving very little for plant use. Sprinkler systems should be set to manual and winter watering should be done when the weather is warm enough to not create an icing problem. If we don't get rain, as was the case last year, water at least two inches. It is better to put it all on at once, perhaps spread over two days. Deep watering is much better than shallow watering.

Wood chip mulch is a great way to conserve what water does fall. It also is an insulating blanket to keep the soil warmer. If you need mulch, grab your shovel and pickup and have a ball. TLC has a mountain of mulch at both Lubbock and Midland locations. We can probably fix you up in the Alpine/Marfa area too.

## CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Dormant oil is a great tool to manage the populations of insects and mites. Call one of our Certified Arborists to

access your tree's needs. Dormant oils are best applied about January-February.

Early March will be the beginning of the season to best apply systemic insecticides for controlling several critters such as Elm Leaf Beetle. Mid-March will be the beginning of Florel applications for managing Acorn and other fruit production.

## TLC UPDATE

When Clint Taylor started with Tree Loving Care toward the end of 2015, he had climbed, but never trees. He took to the tree climbing like a duck to water. After a couple years, he left to work for a large tree care company in Missouri for a few years and while there, became an ISA Certified Arborist. We welcome him back to the TLC family.

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