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Tree Loving Care

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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

The Tree Loving Care family wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year .

Tree Loving Care has been blessed with a great year in business.

When I started this business in March 1978, I had no thought that we would be in business for 50 years. I just knew that I loved trees and working outside . We are now almost to the end of our 46th year. We thank each and every client for your business. Your business is greatly appreciated. Most of you love your trees, and we appreciate that you trust us with them. For a while, we used a slogan "Tree Loving Care, where we love your trees as much as you do". That is still true.

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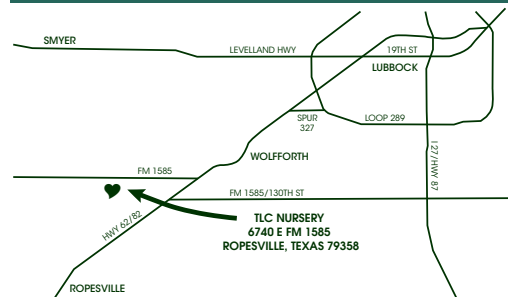
Tree Of The Quarter

Rusty Blackhaw, *Viburnum rufidulum* is a small tree, native to the Cross Timbers region of Texas. It will grow to perhaps 20 feet tall. It is very drought tolerant, has clusters of white flowers and red fall color. The berries make it a good bird attractor.

Not every nursery will have it, but if you keep asking for it, they will start getting some. If you find it, please try it. Otherwise, the nursery won't keep carrying it.



Rusty Blackhaw
(*Viburnum rufidulum*)



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

From about Seminole to Lamesa and areas north, we have had some pretty good rains this year. We also had 50 days in a row over 100° that is really hard on plants. Areas south of that line had the same temperature extremes but with almost no moisture.

Midland and Ector Counties have been the two driest counties in the state up until a couple months ago. It is still extremely dry. In all areas that Tree Loving Care operates, we need moisture. We need a good thorough soaking. Winter is normally our driest period, so please lay a hose out under your tree and let it run all day.

If you have a big yard, let it run for three days. If you're watering, just with a sprinkler system, let it run until you get runoff. An hour later do that again, and an hour later, do it again. When you've done that three or four times you might get a good soaking. Most sprinkler systems are designed to water an inch in a half hour. You should water at least an inch, preferably 2-3 inches. If you will do that you don't need to water but about once every other week during the fall, winter and spring.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Generally, there's not a lot going on in the insect world in the winter time. Unless the winter is mild, the insects are all in active. After all, they are cold, blooded critters. They are just trying to survive so they can eat on your plants later. Occasionally there might be some activity, especially if you have several warm days in a row. Your before last the winter was mild enough that we had aphid activity all winter long.

In the winter, insects are at their weakest and this is a good time to control them. Dormant for treatments during December through February can be very effective at reducing insect populations for the coming year.

TLC UPDATE

The new TLC office in Lubbock is under construction. At least the columns and beams are being done with wood we have sawn on our Mill from trees we took from your yard. As we are building it ourselves, it's been a little bit of a slow process. Stop by and see us sometime.

While you are there, you can pick out a tree to plant or a slab of wood to make a table out of.

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