



TREE LOVING CARE

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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

Winter in West Texas is normally dry and if this year was an exception, it was only because it was even drier than normal. In other words, the soil is very dry. Please give your trees a really good watering. Give them the equivalent of 2-3 inches at one time. If that is with a pop up sprinkler system, that probably means 2 hours or more of continuous run time. If your yard has slope, you probably need to adjust for runoff.

Our deep root fertilization is a great benefit to overall plant health. TLC's deep root fertilization has live micro organisms in it that promote soil health. We inject it into the ground to promote viability of the micro organisms. Call one of our Certified Arborists to assess the needs of your landscape.

TLC UPDATE

Tree Loving Care has been moving quite a few big trees in preparation for the spring season. The best time to plant is the dormant season. Unfortunately, it is difficult to overcome human nature and the public don't tend to start thinking about planting

trees until the trees are leafing out. Tree Loving Care moves trees in the dormant season to root prune them. The effect is that the trees grow a more fibrous root system and are better able to withstand the stresses of moving in the spring.

If you have a tree planting project this year, please come check out our beautiful trees. We have some very well adapted and many large trees available.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

When spring springs, here comes the critters. Elm Leaf Beetle and many other critters are emerging and will be eating something. Because of the mild winter, there will be many insect pests this year. More than normal. And, the time to best control them is when the problem is small. Call Tree Loving Care today to have one of our Certified Arborists look at your trees and diagnose any insect or disease problem. There is a small fee for a diagnostic visit. Yes, these tree doctors do make house calls.

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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers,

Spring has sprung!! Several trees have already started to flower and many more will by the time this letter makes it's way to your inbox. **BUT**, it's very dry in most of our area. At my house, I have had barely an inch of rain in 5 months. Spring is one of the main periods of root growth. It takes a lot of water to grow roots, unfold leaves, produce flowers and fruit or nuts.

WATER YOUR LANDSCAPE!!

And, remember that 15 minutes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday is the same effect on your water bill as 15 minutes at 2 am, 4 am and 6 am on Monday. The later has a much better effect as the former. Get the water deeper and it doesn't dry out as quickly. It's not complicated.

Tree Loving Care has always recycled our tree waste. We now run many of the logs through the sawmill to make slabs and cookies. If you are into woodworking, please come by our show room and check our wide variety of wood. We have plenty of live edge slabs and cookies of various sizes and thicknesses. We can also cut to order slabs or mantles.

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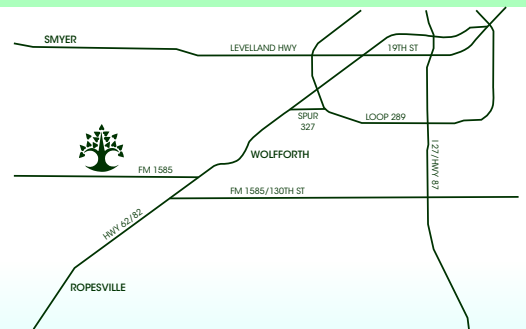
Tree Of The Quarter

Mexican Sycamore, *Platanus mexicana*, is a fairly fast growing tree and more drought tolerant than its American cousin. They grow to about 45-60 feet tall and have attractive whitish bark. Give them plenty of room. They have become popular enough that finding them in the nursery trade shouldn't be a problem.

Mexican Sycamore is more resistant to disease problem such as bacterial leaf scorch that we are accustomed to dealing with



in American Sycamore. Its cousin, the Arizona Sycamore should also be tried. They are a little harder to find.



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