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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers,

Finally, we have had a little bit of rain. Of course, as is normal in west Texas, some people got a lot more than others. I have not been blessed with as much rain as some of my neighbors. So far, I have had about 1.5 inches over the last two weeks, which makes 1.5" for this year and 1.5 inches since October. Out in the field, the ground still has big cracks. I have heard of some areas that got as much as 5 inches over the last 2-3 weeks.

Last month, I went to San Antonio to help judge the Texas Tree Climbing Championship. It was in Brackenridge Park next to the San Antonio Zoo. It was in the same area and some of the same trees as the International in 2016. What a great time and such a phenomenal display of climbing skills. Mike Castle won his second championship and Star Quinterro competed for the first time in 3 years and took home her 5th title. They will represent Texas at International in August in St Louis.

Tree Loving Care is cutting a lot more logs and producing more cookies and slabs to build natural edge tables and other products out of our logs. Come check out the tables and shelves and other things. Everything from bird houses to dining room tables.

James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX0117A



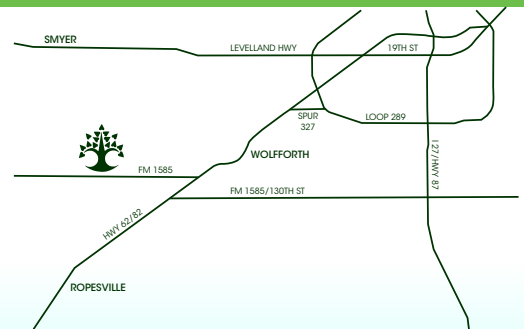
Tree Of The Quarter

Arizona Cypress, *Cupressus arizonica*, is native from the Davis Mountains of Texas to Arizona and into Mexico. It is a very drought tolerant tree. It grows to as tall as 60' and a spread of 50'. We removed a couple of these a few years that were at least that big and roughly a hundred years old.

The Arizona Cypress was commonly used as a wind break tree 50-100 years ago and can still be readily found on farmsteads in the area. The tree often has a bluish cast and some are distinctively more blue. If you want some blue in your landscape, I they are a better alternative to Blue Spruce.



They are also readily available in the nursery trade. The picture is of one at my house planted 5 years ago.



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

Most areas are still in some stage of drought. For established landscapes, you should be watering deeply and thoroughly about every 10-14 days. Thoroughly means a minimum of one inch of moisture. Two inches is better. If you put that much on at one time, that should allow you to water once every two weeks. If you water this way, you will get the ground wet deeper and have a much stronger root system.

Spring storms also brought high winds. The kind of winds that break limbs. Call the Lubbock office at 806-785-8733 or the Midland office at 432-620-8733 to have one of our Certified Arborists come inspect your trees. We do charge a very reasonable charge for a doctor visit.

TLC UPDATE

Chris Kelly, a climber in the Midland office and Andrew Moreno from the Lubbock office went to San Antonio to an Advanced Climbing and Rigging workshop last month. Both climbers report learning a lot. They also stayed for the Texas Tree Climbing Championship. That is also a great learning experience and very motivating.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

There is still a lot of insect activity. There are lots of critters chewing on leaves and sucking sap (the life blood) out of your trees. There are insects that are eating their way through the sap conducting wood and doing completely hidden damage to your trees. Call one of our Certified Arborists for a diagnosis.

For whatever reason, this year there doesn't seem to be as much activity of the Elm Leaf Beetle as most years. But if you see and eating of foliage on your elms, the time to control the problem is immediately.

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