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## Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

Tree Loving Care has been very blessed and we want to thank each and every one of you. If you have been pleased with our work, please tell others, if not, please tell us so we can correct it.

We had very good moisture early in the year and enough since then to keep everything going. In west Texas, you can't ask for a lot more than that. The early rains have flushed out some of the salts that we tend to accumulate from our irrigation water. In most cases, not enough to completely solve soil problems, but it does help.

Some of the water restrictions imposed by the City of Lubbock are a codification of some common sense (a rare thing in bureaucracy). Please remember that the restrictions apply only to sprinkler systems, that they are from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., do not restrict watering with a hose or to watering new plants and ARE NOT A RECOMMENDATION that you water twice a week, only that you cannot water more than that. You should not water established landscapes anymore than once per week. You should not water less than 1" when you water. Remember, you are applying salts and minerals every time you water.

If you don't know how much water your sprinkler is putting out or if you have dry (brown) spots, you should check the output. Put a rain gauge in the affected area and in the surrounding areas, turn the sprinkler on and measure the water. It would also be helpful to know how long it takes to get an inch. That should be your run time. If you have any questions about these or other issues, always feel free to call.

*James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX0117A*



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## Tree Of The Quarter

Southwest White Pine (*Pinus strobiformis*), which was grouped in with Limber Pine (*Pinus flexilis*) for many years, grows in the Davis Mountains and the Guadalupe Mountains of far SW Texas. It is a tall graceful tree. It is hard to find in nurseries, but well worth is if you can find it. I know that a local entomologist was growing some several years ago at their place in NM. It is quite drought tolerant and should do very well for us in most of the western half of Texas .

Actually, the Limber Pine, which is found further north in NM around Taos and Las Vegas area, should also do well here. You may have a little easier time finding it and it does quite well here.



Southwest White Pine

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## Give Your Trees TLC

The old saying about an ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure certainly applies to trees and the damage that can be caused by spring and summer thunderstorms. Split trees, broken limbs and lightning strikes can devastate a tree and once it happens, it is difficult to impossible to correct. Narrow crotches need to be cabled and/or braced. Heavy limbs may need to be lightened and lightning rods may need to be installed in high value trees. If you have these potential tree problems, please call the office at 785-TREE to set up an appointment with one of our Certified Arborists to assess the situation and prescribe a solution.

Landscapes with yellow plants generally indicate a landscape that is over watered, at least, watered too frequently. This leads to excessive minerals and generally needs gypsum applied. Bradford Pears are the most common tree that is yellow (iron chlorosis) but there are a great number of plants that can be affected.

Even though spring fertilization is generally finished, if your trees are yellow, they still need our organic fertilizer. We use Humic acid mixed with bio-stimulants and micro nutrients to solve this problem.

## Critters and Crud

Oak Wilt seems to be attacking more trees than usually this year. Perhaps it has some to do with having a little more rainfall the last couple of years and a resultant increase in root growth. We even have an outbreak of an Oak Wilt center that seems to have been dormant for 15 years. I've seen several instances of Oak Wilt being treat with micro-injector capsules. There is no recognized protocol for this, only the macro infusion technique. It is also against the law to leave these on the tree unsupervised. If you have an Oak

Wilt problem, please call Tree Loving Care. We are Oak Wilt Certified Applicators and have been dealing with this problem longer than anyone around.

Fungicide treatments are only part of the answer. Trenching to interrupt root grafting from one tree to another is very important. Oak wilt IS and should be considered a neighborhood problem and until we address it as such, we will never control it.



Early Elm Beetle Damage  
(Treat at or before this stage.)

of the leaf-hence the term skeletonizing).

Elm Leaf Beetle is also going crazy right now. We are well into our second generation and, in some cases, beginning the third. This insect eats the green of the leaves and leaves the veins (skeleton of the leaf-hence the term skeletonizing).



Elm Leaf Beetle Damage  
Later In Year

## TLC Update

James Tuttle and Anthony Rivera went to the Tx Tree Climbing Championship in Plano last month. James was head judge and Anthony was a ground technician on the Aerial Rescue event. It was Anthony's 4th competition and James' 18th.

This quarter TLC celebrates the 13th anniversary with David Rios, 11th with Colby Hurd and 2nd with Glen Seaman and Johnny Duncan. Thanks guys for all your good work.