

FEATURE

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Big Trees, Inc.

It's who we are, what we know and what we do everyday.

by Ross Latham, Owner



Seattle University - Big Trees crews were recently asked to save historic and valuable trees at Seattle University. How many people ever knew there were 15-16' tall Bird's Nest Spruce? I certainly didn't until the staff at Seattle U. showed us several trees that were gifts to the University years ago from Kubota Gardens, actually from Mr. Kubota himself. An expansion of the campus library required these along with other historically significant trees to be destroyed or transplanted. Many weighed in excess of 10,000 lbs and were moved just a week or so ago in late June and others moved the previous June. By carefully treating and handling the trees, all moved successfully and are thriving.

Big Trees, Inc. of Snohomish has been moving, planting and consulting on large tree transplants all around the state of Washington for 25+ years. Whether it's helping a homeowner develop an immediate privacy screen in Seattle, planting a 25' tall shade tree in Winthrop, E. Wa, or landing large trees at a site in the San Juan Islands, we love what we do.

With offices and nursery co-located on 30 acres just south of Snohomish, we serve residential, commercial

and many other green industry clients and partners through tree sales, planting and transplanting services. Working with a homeowner to select that

perfect ornamental tree, seeing the immediate impact on the landscape and the joy it brings to them everyday is extremely rewarding. The next day, our professional crews may be "flying" large trees into a newly completed commercial building using large cranes, or rescuing trees with tremendous historic value at a local university. It's always different and that keeps it interesting and fun.

Specializing in large trees allows us to

focus on being the best at what we do. By constantly analyzing opportunities for improvements and industry best practices, we're able to develop new techniques to help our clients. This may come from collaborating with other large tree companies in the US and abroad or testing new products developed in a lab. A good example is our ability to move trees outside the typical dormant season, between November and March. Using specially developed antitranspirant and antidesiccant treatments along with expert rootball management, we regularly transplant and save trees in late spring and summer. This is often the case when the overall construction schedule dictates when trees must be moved.