

We are landscaping two acres that we bought three years ago in Woodland, Washington. We are at 1100 foot elevation, with lots of east winds bringing heavy rains down the Gorge in the winter and many times hot winds during July and August. Because of an unsightly neighbor below the property we are planting various trees in hopes of screening out his stuff.

We purchased eight living Christmas trees from John in January. When we picked up our trees they were clean, healthy and ready to plant. We have met with some success, especially with the trees from Johns *Original Living Christmas Tree Company*. We planted them according to John's instructions except we had so much rain we didn't need to water except for watering-in.

All eight of the trees showed new growth tips a couple months after planting. In June or so they burst out in more new growth tips but our hot July winds caused many of them to brown before hardening since we didn't water down at the bottom of the field.

Seven of the trees are healthy and doing fine but one tree is looking a little iffy. I have begun a watering program for it but I'm not sure if it will make it. If not, *Living Christmas Trees* will honor their promise to provide a replacement tree, so no problem.

Here's my take on *The Original Living Christmas Tree Company*. They provide a Christmas tree delivery service which is 'green'. After Christmas they offer the trees at a very good price to the public. In the process a business which is good for the economy is born. What more could you ask for in dedicated Earth-conscious entrepreneurs? We, and other buyers we meet when getting our trees, are glad to be a part of it.

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