

Mark's Lumber

Marks Lumber, in Clancy, MT, was founded in 1985, but it has roots that go back much farther than that. In the late 1880s, current owner Steve Marks' great-grandfather Ernest Marks purchased one of the first homesteads registered in Montana under the Homestead Act of 1864. The family was involved in agriculture, starting as a draft horse business that eventually expanded to include cattle. The family began milling timber products to supplement the family ranch. Steve Marks later retrofitted the old mill to manufacture railroad cross-ties. During this time, construction began on the current mill, and a full-time sawmill was born. The business is still family owned and operated, with 21 year-round employees, adding 2 seasonal employees each year. They specialize in rough-sawn lumber, timbers, siding, and flooring.



With a product line like that, you may be asking yourself what's the tie-in with the horticulture industry? Well, they found a creative way to utilize the by-products of their sawmill operation by manufacturing landscape products like natural mulch, chocolate mulch, medium bark, soil enhancers, and IPEMA Certified Engineered Wood Fiber. They use a B66 Rotochopper to turn wood waste into landscape materials. They also travel to sites to process trees, branches, pallets, construction and demolition waste to process wood waste into the shape and size that best fits the customer's needs.



B66 Rotochopper processing wood mulch.