

# Leavitt's Freight Service

Springfield, OR – Member Since 2011



Integrity – an honest day's work for an honest day's pay and premium service, these are the principles that provided a strong foundation to build the Leavitt's Freight Service company. The trucking company was founded in 1958 by Leavitt brothers Doug, Dean and Dewey. Through hard work and perseverance the company earned a reputation as the most competent and reliable Oregon carrier to transport wood poles and laminated beams.

The specialized service of transporting wood poles and laminated beams produced a need for specific equipment. The company pioneered the use of a chain driven boom to unload telephone and power poles at the customers' yards and at job sites. Leavitt's was also among the first companies to utilize steer trailers to move over-length loads. These services continue to be the core strength of specialization that drives the company's business.



*Leavitt's Freight Service has been operating since 1958!*



*The Leavitt's tractor with a Self-Loader, just one of the specialized pieces of equipment used at the company.*

Leavitt's expanded its customer base during the 1980s after deregulation of the trucking industry. They secured their common carrier authority and continued to grow despite the new level of competition throughout the industry.



*Leavitt's employees and equipment are prepared to handle flatbed loads in Spring, Summer, Fall and even Winter!*

In 1967 the company moved to its current seven-acre location in Springfield, Oregon. California was the primary market area for Leavitt's, but they also provided service to the eleven Western States. Leavitt's moved literally thousands of loads of laminated beams into California during the 1970s. The construction industry in the Silicon Valley and the expansion into the LA Basin fueled a need for laminated beams that kept the company very busy. The company operated as a contract carrier with authority to haul out of Oregon and Washington.



*Oversized load being moved using a steer-trailer set-up.*

Today Leavitt's Freight Service provides service to most of the United States and Canada. The fleet has expanded and they now have an owner/operator package as well. The company remains the West Coast industry leader for the transportation and self-unloading service of over-length wood poles as well as a primary carrier of steel and engineered wood products.

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Every decade has its changes, as did the company. Terry Leavitt (Doug's son) and Duane Leavitt (Dewey's son) bought the business when the founding brothers retired in the early 90s. Ron Riddle was brought into ownership in 1998 in recognition of his longtime contribution and value to the company's growth and direction. Ron's focus on customer needs and transportation solutions has raised the bar for the company's performance.

Leavitt's Freight Service continues to focus on successfully servicing customers, attracting and retaining professional drivers and maintaining an outstanding safety record. Investing in quality, professional drivers through safety, innovation and dedication is an asset that the company is very proud of.



*The Leavitt's fleet of tractors carry specialized equipment to meet the needs of their customers, making delivery available to almost anywhere.*



*Leavitt's Driver, Ed Hawkins, won the Flatbed Championship at the National Truck Driving Championships in Orlando, Florida*

Leavitt's driver, Ed Hawkins competed among 483 drivers at the National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC) in Orlando, Florida this summer. He won the Oregon state competition in the flatbed division and then went on to compete at the national level, which is compared to the "Super Bowl" of trucking, which he also won. The company is very proud of Ed's accomplishments. Mr. Hawkins said, "It's one more step to the ultimate, which is to win the Grand National Championship." He plans on continuing to represent Leavitt's and looks forward to competing in the event next year.

Leavitt's Freight Service continues to provide integrity and premium service to customers and employees. The flatbed service and experience that the company has makes their fleet able to meet the most demanding requirements. They deliver to job sites as well as the customer's yard and they can schedule for multiple shipments and delivery drops. They offer hole to hole spotting service for poles. They can transport load widths up to 15 feet and load lengths up to 135 feet.

For over 50 years Leavitt's Freight Service has remained faithfully committed to providing the best possible service to its customers. They have set the standard for pole and engineered lumber transportation and continue to be at the top of the flatbed transportation industry. Like their website says, "Our people, experience and fleet size make us the right choice for every job."



*Leavitt's Freight Services is built upon their ability to move and handle long poles, laminated beams and products that other companies are unable to handle.*

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