

SUMMER HOURS
 Starting April 5th
 our summer hours will be:
Monday – Friday
 7:30 – 5:00
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 Monday, May 31, 2004,
 for Memorial Day
 Monday, July 5, 2004
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Rand helps builder construct backyard playground big enough for an entire neighborhood

As a successful custom home builder on the Seacoast for 20 years, Tim Russell of Eliot, Maine has always relied on Rand Lumber to supply his crews with the quality materials and service he needs for his projects, but it was about five years ago when he turned to Rand for a project of a decidedly less commercial nature.

At the time, Tim’s family was a young one. With two boys ages 7 and 3 and a newborn daughter, Tim thought it would be a great idea to build something in the backyard that his children, along with the all the neighbor kids, would be able to enjoy for a long time.

As a complete “turnkey” builder that can take a building project from drawing to completion, the only limit was the scope of Tim’s own imagination — and he had a vibrant one. So, he decided to build a playground, but not just any playground. A ready-to-assemble playground-in-a-box wouldn’t cut it. He wanted something bigger and better, something that would stand the test of time and put the best public park playgrounds to shame.

Massive rough-sawn 4x10 hemlock timbers. A huge ball-and-socket suspended tractor tire swing. An elevated fort that would have served Revolutionary War fighters well against the dreaded redcoats.



That’s exactly what he built.

“It’s a beast,” Tim says. The timbers came rough sawn and on short order. Since Rand mills its own lumber, Tim was able to walk in with a list of what he needed and walk out with what he needed to build it.

“You just don’t get that kind of service from those big box stores,” Tim says, “Rand is the last of a dying trade. I wish I could use them more often. Whether it’s building a house or something for myself, Jim Rand, Doug and Joe and the rest of their staff are all great folks and know what they’re doing —and that’s not something you can always count on at a big box.”

Five years later, Tim’s kids are a little older, but thanks his own superior craftsmanship and the quality materials he got from Rand, the backyard playground continues to stand strong and remains popular with his kids and the rest of the neighborhood. “All the kids in the neighborhood have a free pass to come over when ever they like,” he says. “It keeps everyone out of trouble.”

As for when his kids grow up?

“I’m not sure, yet. I can certainly picture my sons out there with their prom dates on the swing,” says Tim with a laugh, “but I don’t know what I’ll do with it once they’re grown. Maybe enclose it and make it a barn?”



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