AUCKLAND ARBORIST PRICE GUIDE

# What does an arborist cost?

Published prices for tree removal, pruning, stump grinding and palm work in Auckland, New Zealand.

**SMALL TREE REMOVAL**

**NZ$350-900**

Tree Removal Auckland's guide for a tree under 6 m. Includes GST. [1]

**MEDIUM TREE PRUNING**

**NZ$500-1,500**

City guide for 6-15 m. West Auckland lists NZ$575-1,380 including GST for 5-12 m. [5] [6]

**STUMP GRINDING**

**NZ$200-350**

Just Stumps' North Shore range for a 300-600 mm stump. Includes GST. Grindings removal is separate. [7]

## What the published prices show

Two guides with clear GST treatment put medium tree removal at **NZ$800-1,800** and **NZ$1,035-2,875**. The providers use different height bands and describe different work. The chart on the next page keeps each provider's categories. [1] [2]

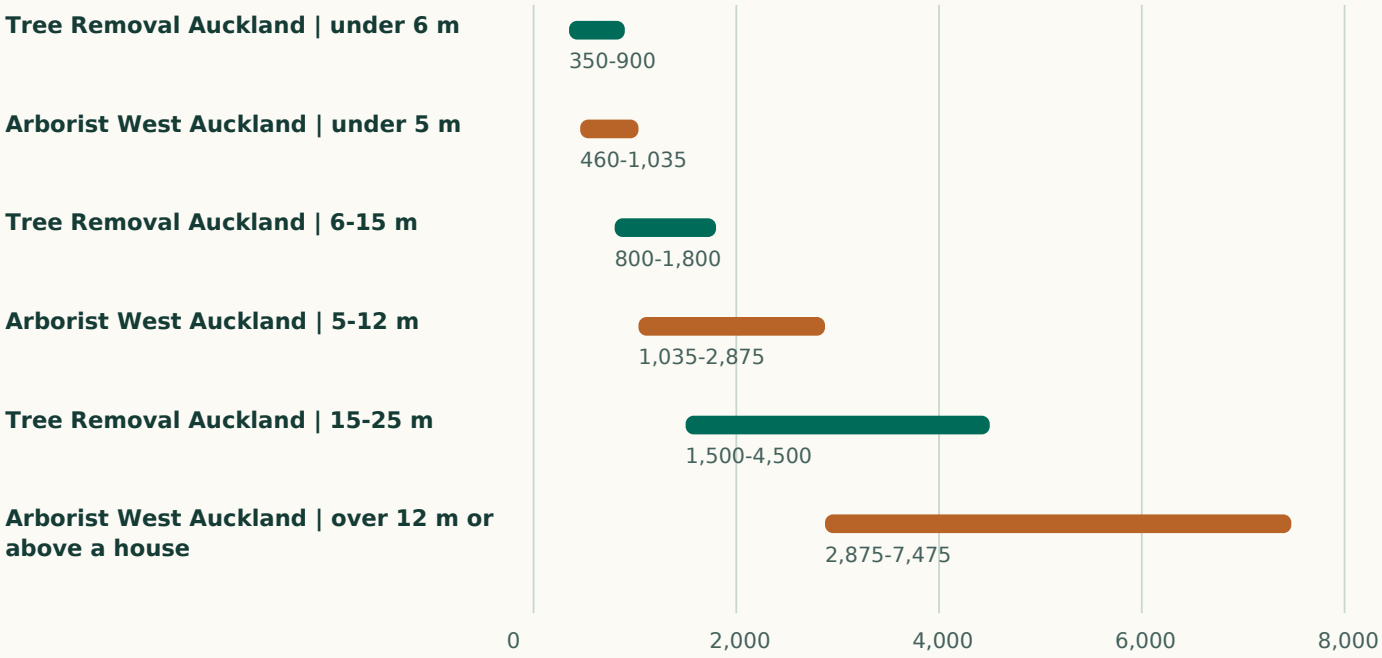
One provider illustrates how two 12 m liquidambars can cost **NZ$850 and NZ$2,400** to remove. Access, how the crew lowers the sections, crew size and the distance to the truck account for the NZ$1,550 difference in this worked example. The figures come from the provider's guide. [1]

**Method.** SEO4 reviewed provider guides, completed marketplace listings, a waste operator's tariffs and official sources. All prices are in NZD. We multiplied by 1.15 only where the source explicitly excluded GST. This targeted sample does not establish an Auckland-wide average. [19]

01 / TREE REMOVAL

# Tree removal prices by height

The chart shows two providers' published price bands in NZD including GST. Each row uses the height and scope stated by its provider.




West Auckland's original ranges were NZ$400-900, NZ$900-2,500 and NZ$2,500-6,500 excluding GST. Its guide describes felling or sectional dismantling, chipping and, in some rows, clean-up. Confirm haulage and stump work in writing. [1] [2]

## Other published estimates

| Provider | Size and price in its guide | GST status |
|---|---|---|
| Urban Arborists [3] | Under 5 m: $250-800<br>5-10 m: $800-2,000<br>Over 10 m: from $2,000 | Unspecified in the guide |
| Auckland Tree Services [4] | Small: $300-500<br>Medium: $500-1,000<br>Large: $1,000-2,500 | Unspecified. This is an older guide. |
| Auckland Palm Tree Removal [23] | Under 5 m: $300-700<br>5-10 m: $700-1,500<br>10-20 m: $1,500-3,500 | Unspecified in the guide |

The city guide starts very large or hazardous removals at NZ$4,000, with some above NZ$10,000 including GST. These jobs need a site assessment. [1]

02 / PRUNING AND STUMP GRINDING

# What is included in the visit?

Pruning depends on the amount of crown work and how the branches can be lowered. For grinding, check stump diameter at ground level, depth and access for the machine.

## Pruning estimates including GST

| Job size | Tree Removal Auckland [5] | West Auckland, GST added [6] |
|---|---|---|
| Small | $200-600 \| under 6 m | $287.50-575 \| under 5 m |
| Medium | $500-1,500 \| 6-15 m | $575-1,380 \| 5-12 m |
| Large | $1,200-4,000+ \| 15 m+ or complex | $1,380-3,450 \| over 12 m |

## Stump grinding on the North Shore

| Stump diameter or extra | Just Stumps [7] | Scope |
|---|---|---|
| Under 300 mm | From $150 | GST included in all listed prices |
| 300-600 mm | $200-350 | Confirm depth and access |
| 600 mm or larger | $400-650+ | Price depends on size and access |
| Additional stump | From $80 | Same visit |
| Grindings removal | About $150 | Per trailer load in the guide |

A1 Landscape lists a minimum from **NZ$120 plus GST, or NZ$138**. Stump X lists two minimums on the same FAQ page, NZ$330 and NZ$285, so its applicable charge needs confirmation. [8] [9]

**Worked budget.** Just Stumps lists NZ$200-350 for a 300-600 mm stump. Add one trailer load of grindings at its indicative rate and the budget comes to **about NZ$350-500**. Confirm both items in your quote. [7]

03 / EXTRAS AND COMPLETED JOBS

# What changes the total?

Three completed listings report a Final Cost. The platform listings do not establish GST status, qualifications or insurance cover.

| Suburb and date | Final Cost | Scope reported by the platform |
|---|---|---|
| Milford \| 5 Sep 2026 [13] | NZ$180 | Removal of a tree about 5 m tall, stump extraction and waste disposal. |
| Point Chevalier \| 13 Jun 2026 [14] | NZ$500 | Crown reduction, branch removal and green waste disposal. |
| Mount Albert \| 22 May 2026 [15] | NZ$180 | Extraction of a camellia root ball. Full trunk and stump removal could be agreed separately. |

Each listing is a one-off job from the same marketplace. The sample contains no invoices from professional crews quoting the same scope.

## Items to ask for separately

| Item | Published allowance and what it covers |
|---|---|
| Palm, 5-10 m | West Auckland: $700-1,600 excluding GST, or **$805-1,840 including GST**. Includes sectional removal and disposal. [10] |
| Emergency make-safe | West Auckland: $450-1,200 excluding GST, or **$517.50-1,380 including GST**. Full removal is quoted separately. [11] |
| Green waste drop-off | WM North Shore lists **$28 up to 30 kg, $38 up to 100 kg and $375 per tonne**, including GST. Check which materials it accepts. Loading, transport and labour are separate. [12] |
| Report and consent | One guide lists **$400-1,200** including GST for an arborist report. Check consent requirements and any Council fees separately for the site. [1] [16] [17] |

**Site restrictions.** Check the Auckland Unitary Plan and ask Council which rules apply to the site. We left out charges from the 2025/26 fee schedule. Vector says trimming within 4 m of its network lines should be done by an approved utility arborist. [16] [17] [18]

04 / ARBORIST QUOTES

# How to compare arborist quotes

Send the same photos, tree height, trunk and stump diameters, gate width, slope and route to the truck. Point out nearby buildings and lines.

**Quote request you can copy**
Hi, could you quote for [pruning / removal] at [suburb]? I've attached photos of the tree and access. Please itemise the tree work, chipping and haulage, stump grinding and its depth, removal of the grindings, and any equipment or traffic management. Please confirm what will stay on site, the total including GST, and how we'll agree to any extra work.

Tree King, Tree Fellas, DS Trees, ProClimb and The Tree Company accept quote requests. This research did not commission written quotes against a common brief. Ask each provider for a written price and an itemised scope. [20] [24] [25] [26] [27] [28]

**How we treated repeated figures.** A One A Tree Care credits competitor benchmarks, so we counted the underlying figures once. Kettle's national hourly figures were kept separate from Auckland crew prices. For the Waikato comparison, see SEO4's Hamilton arborist guide. [21] [22] [29]

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