

HMI's Tree Removal Cost Guide



Standard Removal

Standard removal generally means that the tree can be safely reached and removed using customary equipment or by qualified climbers. Customary equipment could include a bucket truck, aerial lift, small loader, etc. The costs in the chart reflect the removal of a single tree and do not include debris removal costs.

Tree Size (DBH*)	8" - 12"	13" - 18"	19" - 24"	25" - 30"	31" - 36"	37" - 42"	43" - 48"
Price Range	\$620-\$1,667	\$937-\$3,003	\$1,687-\$4,434	\$1,989-\$5,361	\$2,431-\$6,075	\$3,080-\$7,570	\$3,326-\$8,767
Labor Hours	6 to 10	10 to 18	16 to 25	18 to 30	22 to 34	25 to 32	27 to 36
Customary Equipment	Bucket Truck	Bucket Truck	Bucket Truck	Bucket Truck, Small Loader	Bucket Truck, Small Loader	Bucket Truck, Small Loader, Crane	Bucket Truck, Small Loader, Crane

Non-Standard Removal

Non-standard removals are more complex due to access or safety concerns and may require special considerations and/or equipment. This includes tree removals that may require specialty equipment or extra labor. Examples include tree removals near obstacles; on a slope; that have limited access; that have penetrated the exterior of the structure and require inside access; that are spring-loaded or require bracing, etc.

Tree Size (DBH*)	8" - 12"	13" - 18"	19" - 24"	25" - 30"	31" - 36"	37" - 42"	43" - 48"
Price Range	\$1,366-\$2,724	\$2,600-\$5,217	\$3,900-\$6,419	\$4,550-\$9,176	\$5,199-\$11,085	\$5,979-\$12,412	\$6,643-\$13,136
Labor Hours	10 to 15	16 to 27	22 to 32	25 to 39	32 to 44	34 to 54	38 to 58
Customary Equipment	Bucket Truck	Bucket Truck, Small Loader	Bucket Truck, Small Loader	Bucket Truck, Small Loader, Crane	Bucket Truck, Small Loader, Crane	Bucket Truck, Small Loader, Crane	Bucket Truck, Small Loader, Crane

* DBH: Diameter of the tree at breast height, generally 4 1/2 feet above ground.

This Guide was developed using data provided by the professional tree care companies in HMI's Network. The Guide, therefore, is intended to reflect expected costs for work performed under HMI's tree removal program.



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- * The Labor Hours and Customary Equipment data in the chart are included as guidelines only. Tree care companies differ in their utilization of heavy equipment and labor. Some companies prefer to use heavy equipment in place of labor which can reduce the total time a tree removal job may take. The net job costs will be the same, or similar.
- *The costs in the chart reflect the removal of a single tree and do not include debris removal costs.*
 - *The price ranges illustrated in the chart reflect the varying labor costs across the country. They also are intended to capture most of the complexity/variability that may occur when removing trees from the home which may alter equipment and labor costs widely. The chart is intended to cover roughly 85% of scenarios that may occur. Extreme situations may occur where the costs above are not representative. Highly specialized and more experienced crews may also increase costs.*
 - *Emergency tree removals and CAT events may increase these costs by 25% or more depending on certain conditions; e.g. overtime labor hours, out of state crews, inflated fuel costs, etc.*
 - *This Guide is for informational purposes only and it does not have the purpose or effect of raising, depressing, fixing, pegging, or stabilizing the price of any product or service.*

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