ART'S TREE SERVICE

HOMEOWNER PRICE GUIDE

What Does Tree Work Cost in Sarasota and Manatee?

Published local market ranges for tree removal, trimming, palms, and stumps, plus permits and a checklist for comparing estimates.

Tree Removal | Trimming | Palm Care | Stump Grinding | Storm Work | Permits

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The short answer

Published local guides put small tree removals around **$300 to $700**, medium removals around **$700 to $1,800**, and large removals around **$1,500 to $4,000**+. These are budgeting examples, not a survey of every local job.

These are regional planning ranges, not Art's Tree Service prices. They help homeowners in Sarasota and Manatee counties budget; they are not separate county averages. Art's provides a free, itemized estimate for your property.

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How to use this guide

Use the price snapshot on the next page to set a budget, read the section for the service you need, then take the checklist on page 9 to every estimate. When you are ready for a firm number, call **(941) 877-1317** for a free, itemized estimate.

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Price snapshot

SERVICE	LOCAL RANGE	PRICED
Small tree removal (under 30 ft)	**$300 to $700**	Per tree
Medium tree removal (30 to under 60 ft)	**$700 to $1,800**	Per tree
Large tree removal (60 ft and taller)	**$1,500 to $4,000+**	Per tree
Complex or crane-assisted removal	**Site-specific**	Per job
Palm tree removal	**$200 to $1,000**	Per palm
Shade tree trimming (medium tree)	**$300 to $700**	Per tree
Palm trimming	**$75 to $500+**	Per palm; minimum charges may apply
Stump grinding	**$100 to $400**	Per stump; complex jobs cost more
Emergency or storm work	**Site-specific**	Per tree
Arborist tree risk assessment	**Ask for a quote**	Formal report; fee varies

Published local market ranges for budgeting only. **These are not Art's Tree Service prices or a quote.** Cleanup, hauling, stump grinding, permits, and equipment may be separate. Complex jobs can exceed these ranges.

SKIP THE GUESSWORK

Get your exact price, free

Book a visit for a free, itemized written estimate for your property, with no obligation.

Request estimate

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Tree removal

Published local removal ranges vary widely. Use these size bands as a starting point; access, condition, and nearby structures can matter as much as height.

REMOVAL SIZE	PUBLISHED LOCAL RANGE
Small: under 30 ft	**$300 to $700**
Medium: 30 to under 60 ft	**$700 to $1,800**
Large: 60 ft and taller	**$1,500 to $4,000+**

Published local planning ranges. Not Art's prices; complex work can exceed these figures.

Crane-assisted removals

Site-specific estimate

Crane size, reach, access, traffic control, and crew time affect the total. Ask whether equipment, setup, and mobilization are included. Complex jobs can cost several thousand dollars.

Palm removal

$200 to $1,000

Height, trunk size, fruit load, condition, and access determine the work required. Stump grinding may be separate.

Species matters

Large oak limbs can require substantial equipment and controlled rigging. Tree condition and access also affect removal costs.

Read the quote closely

Stump grinding may be separate. Confirm hauling, cleanup, permits, and equipment before comparing estimates.

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Trimming and palm care

Published local guides suggest roughly **$150 to $700** for many routine trims. Large trees and work near a roof or pool cage can cost more because of access, equipment, and controlled limb handling.

Shade trees

TREE TYPE	PER TREE
Small ornamental	**$150 to $400**
Medium shade tree	**$300 to $700**
Large oak or canopy over a structure	**$600 to $1,200+**

Palms

WORK TYPE	PER PALM
Routine trimming	**$75 to $250**
Tall / demanding	**$300 to $500+**
Complex access	**Site-specific**

These palm ranges describe different work scopes, not fixed height bands. Species, fruit, height, and access affect cost. A single-palm visit may have a minimum service charge.

Ask for multi-palm pricing

Trimming several palms in one visit can lower the cost per palm by sharing setup and travel time. Ask about minimum charges and multi-palm pricing.

Beware the "hurricane cut"

Keep healthy green fronds, including those that naturally droop. Remove fully dead fronds; flower stalks and fruit clusters may be removed as appropriate. Avoid hurricane cuts and premature removal of yellowing fronds.

When to schedule

Plan structural tree pruning ahead of storm season. Timing depends on species and condition; palms do not have one ideal pruning season.

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Stump grinding

Published Southwest Florida guides suggest roughly **$100 to $400 per stump**. Diameter, root flare, access, depth, and debris removal affect the total; complex stumps can cost more.

Added to a removal

$100 to $350

Usually cheaper when ground the same day as the removal.

Large oak stumps

Quote varies

Hardwood and wide root flares take longer to grind.

Before grinding

Contact 811

Arrange utility locating first. Private irrigation and electric lines may need separate locating.

Contact Sunshine 811 at least two full business days before grinding, excluding the request day, weekends, and holidays. Confirm marks and responses; private lines may need separate locating.

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Storm and emergency work

Storm work needs an individual estimate. Trees on buildings, limited access, urgent scheduling, and crane work can cost several thousand dollars or more.

Stay away from fallen trees near power lines; call 911 for immediate danger. Once the site is safe, verify the contractor's insurance, written scope, and payment terms before work begins.

Reduce avoidable storm hazards

A professional can identify deadwood, weak attachments, and branches needing structural pruning. Appropriate care can reduce risk; it cannot prevent every storm emergency.

BEFORE THE NEXT STORM

Request a tree-care estimate

Ask about concerns around your roof, access, and tree condition, and receive a written scope for the proposed work.

Request online

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Permits and arborist assessments

Your exact jurisdiction, tree type, and property determine the rules. Confirm requirements before work begins; fees and replacement obligations vary.

City of Sarasota	Permits generally apply to trees over 4.5 inches DBH and most palms, subject to exemptions. Routine trimming generally needs no permit. Confirm current fees and replacement requirements with the City.
Unincorporated Sarasota County	County tree protections and Grand Tree standards may apply. Ask Environmental Protection to confirm permits, mitigation, and replacement obligations for your parcel.
City of Venice	Separate City rules apply. Certain single-family lots of half an acre or less are exempt, with exceptions for Heritage, Venetian, and Canopy Road trees. Some major pruning also requires approval.
Unincorporated Manatee County	Single-family side/rear-yard trees generally need no County authorization. Street-tree replacement rules apply without a permit. Check conservation areas, buffers, and HOA restrictions.
Other cities / towns	Bradenton, Palmetto, North Port, Longboat Key, Anna Maria, Holmes Beach, and Bradenton Beach have their own rules. Verify your parcel's jurisdiction.

Florida's limited residential exemption: Section 163.045

On qualifying single-family detached residential property, local permit, fee, mitigation, and replanting requirements do not apply when the owner possesses signed documentation from an ISA Certified Arborist or Florida licensed landscape architect meeting the statute. The on-site assessment must follow the referenced tree-risk procedures and determine that removal is the only practical way to reduce risk below moderate. Obtain and retain the documentation before work. This exemption does not override delegated mangrove protections.

Assessments: A free service estimate is different from a formal tree-risk report. Ask about the assessor's credentials, report scope, and separate fees.

Waterfront homes: Mangrove work has special state protections. Consult Florida DEP and the applicable local authority before trimming or removal.

DBH means trunk diameter measured at breast height. This is a planning summary; the applicable law and parcel-specific requirements control.

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What drives your price

Quotes can differ substantially. Compare the complete scope and the site conditions behind each estimate.

FACTOR	WHY IT CHANGES THE PRICE
Height and trunk diameter	More wood, more climbing time, bigger equipment.
What is underneath	Limbs near structures may require controlled rigging, a lift, or a crane.
Power lines nearby	Only qualified line-clearance professionals should work near power lines.
Access	Gated communities, narrow side yards, soft lawns, and canal lots can rule out bucket trucks.
Species and condition	Dense oaks cost more. Dead or storm-damaged trees are less predictable and riskier to climb.
Cleanup and hauling	Removing logs, brush, and chips is real labor and disposal cost.
Stump grinding	Usually a separate line item.
Permits and assessments	Permit, assessment, and replacement costs depend on the tree and jurisdiction.
Timing	Storm demand and urgency can affect cost. Ask about scheduling options for nonurgent work.

Why the cheapest quote can cost the most

Confirm insurance coverage directly with the insurer and ask how the crew is protected. Inadequate coverage can create financial and legal complications for everyone involved.

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Your quote comparison checklist

Print this page and keep it next to every estimate. The lowest quote is only a good deal if it covers the same scope, safety, and insurance protection.

Every written quote should state

- [ ] The exact trees and work (removal, trim, palm count), not just a total
- [ ] Whether cleanup, haul-away, and stump grinding are included
- [ ] Who applies for any permit and who pays the fee
- [ ] Equipment to be used near your home, including any crane
- [ ] Proof of general liability and workers' compensation insurance, sent directly from the insurer
- [ ] Payment terms, with no large cash deposit before work begins

Red flags

- Door-knockers after a storm offering same-day cash prices
- No written estimate, or a quote that will not itemize
- Recommending "topping" a tree or a hurricane cut on palms
- Pressure to remove a healthy tree that could be pruned
- No way to verify insurance, address, or local references

Smart ways to save

- Bundle jobs: trim several palms or grind several stumps in one visit
- Ask about flexible scheduling for nonurgent work
- Maintain trees to reduce avoidable hazards and identify problems early
- Get an arborist's opinion before removing a large tree

SOURCES AND NOTES

How these ranges were built

These planning ranges summarize published Sarasota-area and Southwest Florida cost guides. They are **not Art's Tree Service prices, a quote, or measured averages for either county**. Access, condition, equipment, hauling, stumps, permits, and minimum charges can change the total. Complex work can exceed the figures shown.

Reviewed November 6, 2026. The public resources below support tree-care, permit, and utility-safety guidance, not the pricing figures. Rules can change; confirm requirements for your parcel before work.

Local rules and homeowner resources

UF/IFAS: healthy palm pruning

UF/IFAS: preparing trees for hurricanes

Florida Statutes: limited residential exemption, Section 163.045

City of Sarasota: tree protection

Sarasota County: environmental permitting and tree requirements

City of Venice: tree regulation information

Manatee County: residential removal and street-tree replacement

Florida DEP: mangrove protections and trimming exemptions

Sunshine 811: utility locating before stump grinding

FPL: trees and power-line safety

Before choosing a contractor: Compare the same written scope, verify insurance, and confirm whether formal arborist reports, permits, cleanup, and stump work are included.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Get an exact price for your property

Ranges help you plan. A site visit gives you a number you can count on. Art's Tree Service provides free, itemized written estimates throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

CALL FOR AN ESTIMATE

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Speak with our team directly

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Request your free written estimate

Why homeowners choose Art's Tree Service

Itemized written quotes
Cleanup, hauling, and stump grinding spelled out line by line.

Fully insured crews
Ask for proof of insurance before work begins.

Arborist expertise
We work with an ISA Certified Arborist for risk assessments and permit documentation.

Pruning that protects your trees
Never topping, never hurricane cuts on palms.

Serving Sarasota, Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch, Siesta Key, and surrounding communities in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.