

Summary of Brushwood Expenses Per Metre: (what you pay your contractors)

NEW FENCE

Frame per metre: Posts: (spaced at 2.2m)

Materials \$16pm

Labour \$14pm

Top Bars:

Materials \$4.20pm

Labour \$2.10pm

Brushwood (does not allow for scaffolding if required)

Labour Panel & Cappings \$40 to \$55pm (2 stage up to 1.8m)

Labour Panel & Cappings \$60 to \$75pm (3 stage up to 2.6m)

Labour Panel & Cappings \$80 to \$105pm (4 stage up to 3.3m)

Materials \$55pm

Extras to fencing:

Treated Pine Bases \$40 per base installed or \$18 pm.

Core holes 52mm \$28 each.

Pool Thatching \$30 pm

REPAIRS TO EXISTING

New capping \$25pm (replace top capping only)

Thatch and recap \$55 pm (pack top of fence and new capping)

Replace old brush with new:

Remove old brush \$10 per metre

New brush to fence \$40 to \$55 per metre.

Tip fees, I pay \$60 for a tip run plus the tip fee. Old brush must be separated from the wire and can be tipped in the green recycle area at your local tip. New brush off-cuts are fantastic for gardens, holding the moisture in the soil and providing a natural deterrent to insects, ants, snails and spiders.

Brushwood Contractor Rates Guide.

(as of Sept 2009)

Brushwood contractors are paid by the metre or the the post/base they install. A guide to the rates for brushwood fencing contractors is as follows:

Installation of Frame.

Posts: 40mm nb lightweight gal steel pipe, for fences up to 2.6m high.
Estimated Installation costs: 1.8m fence \$30 per post. 2.4m fence \$35 per post.

Top bars: 20mm nb medium gauge gal steel pipe. One horizontal bar is required per 1.5m of height. The top bar sits 250mm down from the top of the posts. (the bar is cut between the posts and acts as a spacer). This means that a fence up to 1.8m high only requires one horizontal bar. Fences over 1.8m require a horizontal bar for every 1500mm of height.
Estimated Installation Costs: \$5 to cut and place per bar.

Treated Pine Bases: 130 x 90 sawn logs. (flat top, round sides). Bases can be stacked on top of each other to create small retaining walls up to 400mm high. Retaining walls above 400mm should be constructed separately to the brushwood fence. Bases are installed by cutting a 'V' at each end and slotting between the posts. Tech screw the bases to the posts if required.
Estimated Installation costs: \$ 7 to \$10 to cut and place per base.

Brushwood Panels

Brushwood panels are quicker to install but are more expensive than handpacked brushwood. A panel 1.8m high by 1.5m wide retails for around \$180 + GST. Add to this the cost of the frame, labour and cappings and you are looking around \$270 per metre.

Panels are suitable for quick installations and level installations. Construct the frame as shown above and wire the panels to the top bar and posts.

Roll top and post cappings are added to complete the fence and hide all steel members.

Panels can also be used for pergola roofs or fixed direct to brick walls.

When using panels as roofing make sure to provide a suitable structure to support the brushwood.