

Garden & Forestry Services

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Most of us need some kind of gardening and/or forestry service from time to time and it's undeniable there are a multitude of options available to us from simple one man bands who own a strimmer and/or chainsaw to larger commercial companies & this piece is NOT meant to recommend any one service or product over another but it is rather to inform you of the Forestry Associations that exist in most rural areas.

If you've been in Portugal for any period of time, you will probably have seen the bright yellow double cab pick up trucks with their load beds full of trimmers & chainsaws etc.

These guys are your local Forestry Association team & they are contracted to or employed by your local Camara & they offer a wide range of services from garden strimming to tree felling/pruning to fence erecting to soil analysis to bee keeping services to GPS boundary location & marking to all kinds of other forestry related services.

Your local office will usually be in or near your local Camara & you can simply go in there, tell them what service you want, book a day/date & weather & fire regulations allowing they'll come & do whatever you want.

Costs obviously vary dependent on number of staff, what equipment is needed & what service you're booking but all prices are extremely reasonable & from my experience the guys don't waste a minute of time & if you become a Forestry Association member/supporter at a cost of usually about €10 per year then you get an additional 10% discount on all costs.

As an example, one of my neighbours recently had our Forestry Association team in to trim approximately 2500 m² of land & 3 guys with trimmers did a very good job in 2 ½ hours as a total cost of under €75.

The website below is my local Forestry Association (APFLOR) & I suspect the individual Associations must have some kind of link to each other as they all seem to have the same bright yellow double cab pick ups & equipment etc.

So if you need any gardening or forestry work done, look out for the canary yellow double cab trucks with their load beds filled with tools & note the contact details on the vehicles as they're always a very good option.

http://www.apflor.pt/webpage/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=45&Itemid=53