



Car Wash

Looking for a way to fundraise as a group? A car wash may be the way to go for you! Consider doing it after church one Sunday so your church family can support you or doing it one Saturday with your friends. Doing a letterbox drop to the houses in your local area is a great way to advertise. If you want to raise some extra funds, consider different things you could sell like snacks or beverages where customers can sit, eat and chat with other customers while their cars are being washed.

Planning your Car Wash

Before the day:

Details

- Brainstorm how you would like to run your car wash (*consider date, time, location/venue, food/drinks, equipment/resources, and costs*)
- Decide on a budget, taking into consideration:
 - The cost of car washing equipment
 - The cost of food and beverages (if you choose to have them)
 - Entertainment (if you choose to have some)
- Choose your date and venue (Do you need to make a booking? Do you need to organise seating/waiting areas? Is entertainment required for the event? Consider the amount of cars you can wash at once, a car waiting bay, designated areas for cars that need to be cleaned and designated areas for cars once they are cleaned).

Promotion

- Create or use the existing posters and fill out the relevant information:
 - Date
 - Time
 - Venue
 - Contact details
- Promote the fundraiser – using the posters you created

Food

- If you are going to have food and drinks available: What type of food and drink do you want to have to sell? (How are you going to transport it to the car wash location?)
 - Examples: soft drink (cans), tea, coffee, etc.
- You should buy the food/beverages a day or two in advance.

Organise volunteers to help with:

- Washing cars
 - Outside the car
 - Inside the car
- Selling food/beverages (if you're having them)
- Directing cars and people to respective places
- OPTIONAL: in charge of entertainment (what does this look like for the volunteer? What does it require for them to do?)

Resources and Equipment

- Car Washing equipment
 - Car wash cleaner (liquid)
 - Sponges and cloths
 - Vacuum
 - Tyre cleaner
- Cash box and float
- Seating (waiting area)
- OPTIONAL: Plan and organise any extra activities (e.g. entertainment) that you want to run on the day (e.g. music in the background, illusionist, etc)

On the day:

- Setup the car washing stations
 - Section for washing the outside of the car
 - Section for washing the inside of the car
- Set up seating for people to use whilst waiting
- Make sure any entertainment you choose to use has been set up accordingly
- Ensure the food and beverages are ready for sale (if chosen to sell food and drinks)
 - Set up tables to display food
- Brief volunteers on their roles
 - Organise volunteers to be where they need to be
- Monitor the event.
 - Pack everything away at the end

Timeline for your Car Wash							
Week 1	Planning/ Decision Making	Calling/ preparing venues			Prepare posters to be send out	Send out posters and social media posts	
Week 2	Organise Volunteers (from now)		Prepare any additional activities E.g. entertainment and children activities				
Week 3						Purchase/ acquire the required equipment	
Week 4				Contact volunteers and brief them of their roles	Buy Food + Drinks + Drinks (or tomorrow)	Make sure the everything is ready	Car Wash!!!

(This is a recommendation) (At least 3 weeks prior to the Car Wash commencing you should let people know about the event and promote it)

Venue

Some of the locations to host a car wash are at your local church, or ask a local school if you can use their oval or grass area. You could also get in touch with your local council and ask if there is a grassland or oval for you to host a car wash.

Things to consider

When washing the car, keep in mind where you wash the cars. Try and wash the cars on grass so the water isn't wasted. Ensure volunteers who come to help wash cars are in appropriate clothing that can get wet. Make sure you buy enough products to clean the cars!

Promoting your Event

Suggestions for advertising:

- Local and school newspaper
- Facebook
- Announcement at your church
- Posting ads on community noticeboards
- Tell friends and family



When can I do the Car Wash?

A car wash can be held as a main event, like a car washing day, or you could do go to people's houses (ie. your neighbours) and ask if they would like their car to be washed for a certain amount. Consider time slots that people can book in for, to have their car washed.

Pricing

Things you may want to factor in when considering the pricing, are the different makes/brands/sizes of cars, and decide what is classified as a small and a large car. Factor in the pricing whether the costs include cleaning both inside and outside of the car, or whether a service is available for single services such as the option of just cleaning the outside or inside of the car.

Safety

Something important to keep in mind is to have a designated area for where the customers wait while their car is being cleaned. You should provide some activities for kids so they aren't running around, where an accident could take place. Some of these activities may include colouring in, drawing, having an illusionist, etc.

Entertainment

What are the customers going to do while they wait for their car to be cleaned? As well as some material for them to read more about your upcoming mission trip, you could have some background music, sell coffee, tea, drinks, or sweet treats. You can always have someone to come and sing, or have an illusionist or something to keep the children busy. All of these are extra costs so you may want to consider how much you are willing to spend on the event.

Volunteers

Some of the roles volunteers can help with are; washing the cars, collecting money, selling food/beverages, organizing the lineup for the cars in order who came in first, etc. The best method in cleaning the cars is to have all hands in on cleaning the car to get the job done quickly and efficiently.

Prerequisites

A prerequisite which would be very helpful in washing cars, would be a good method on how to wash vehicles. If you are unsure about how you should go about washing a car effectively, consider looking at this resource from Supercheap Auto:

<https://www.supercheapauto.com.au/blog/how-to/car-cleaning/how-to-wash-a-car.html>



Equipment

- Sponges
- Car washing detergent
- Buckets
- Vacuum
- Seat polish (leather seats)
- Window cleaner
- Window squeegee
- Wheel Cleaner

Cost

Cost from Big W as of 22/04/21

- Sponges (\$2.50)
- Car washing detergent (1L \$6.50)
- Buckets (13L \$4.25)
- Vacuum (\$99, or borrow one)
- Seat polish (leather seats) (\$4.50)
- Window cleaner (\$4.50 - \$12.00)
- Window squeegee (\$2.25)
- Wheel cleaner (\$4.50 - \$12.00)

Tips on Cleaning

Before cleaning the inside and outside of the car, make sure you have all the equipment necessary to clean the car. When cleaning the car, ensure you clean the inside first then the outside, or have a designated place for the inside of the car separate from where you clean the outside of the car.

Inside the Car

When cleaning inside the car, ensure you get in every nook and cranny. Move the seats, clean under the seats, look in the dashboard, etc. Some of the jobs with cleaning inside the car include: vacuuming, cleaning windows, polishing and cleaning seats and seat belts, cleaning the steering wheel, gear stick, wiping over the centre console, etc.

Outside the Car

Before starting to clean the outside of the car, give the car a thorough rinse. Use a soapy sponge and wash the outside of the car all the way around, and don't forget to clean the tyres too! Make sure you clean the car from the top down. When it comes to rinsing take into consideration that you rinse from the top of the car down, to ensure you don't leave any streaks of soap on the car. Another option for you to go above and beyond, is to dry the car for the owner!

