



Yard Work

Do you have a passion for gardening? Or do you have a desire to help people with their yard work? Then this method of fundraising is for you! The idea of doing yard work to raise funds for your Teen Missions team is amazing, because all it requires is the motivation to help people out!

How you can start

- Announce in church that you will be doing yard work for people
- Post on Facebook
- Put an ad in your school newsletter and local newspaper
- Use flyers and posters to advertise

Planning yard work for the first time

1. Brainstorm your time constraints and parameters for the yard work you wish to do. Keep in mind things like school, home work, work, other commitments you have, and when you can factor in yard work.
2. Decide what type of yard work you want to do.
 - a. Weeding
 - i. If you do not know how to weed, try watching this video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CT-ioLzvlR0&ab_channel=Organo-LawnofBoulderOrgano-LawnofBoulder
 - b. Pruning
 - i. If you are unsure about how to prune, give this video a watch
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1IHqAZxLrc&ab_channel=Lowe%27sHomeImprovement
 - c. Mowing
 - i. If you want some mowing techniques, watch this video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8FdaT8e3Qw&ab_channel=Organo-LawnofBoulder
 - d. Planting
 - i. If you want some tips on how to plant plants, give this video a watch
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARwB7xb--sQ&ab_channel=Howcast
3. Research and brainstorm what tools you will need and what you already have
 - a. If you're missing necessary tools, ask your church if anyone has them and would be willing to lend them to you.

- b. Some examples of some tools you may need are:
 - i. Gardening gloves, hat + water bottle
 - ii. Lawn mower
 - iii. Whipper snipper
 - iv. Shovel
 - v. Rake
 - vi. Blower
4. Post flyers, make announcements, and let people know what you are doing
5. Continue to prepare by researching the best methods for weeding, pruning etc., so that when someone asks you for work you are fully ready

When someone asks you to do a job for them

****If you are under the age of 18, bring a parent with you!****

Make sure you write down all of the information relevant to when, where and what you are doing

1. Prepare in advance with all of the tools that you will need to complete the job, and transport to and from the job.
2. Arrive early and knock on their door to let them know you are ready to begin.
3. Work as hard as you can, because you are working for the Lord. Remember that you are a witness in your work.
4. Be thankful for the job that you were able to complete.

Tips

- Be polite while communicating with the customer.
- If you're not 100% sure of what you need to do, make sure to clarify with the customer. Do not assume you know what you are doing if you don't.
- Bring your own drink bottle, gloves and hat (sunnies if you'd like).

What to charge

You could charge an hourly rate or you could negotiate with the customer to decide on your pay.

