



STEP-BY-STEP

CHARITY CAR WASH

Resources

- Buckets, sponges, chamois leathers etc
- Hoover and wipes if you plan to clean the inside of cars too
- Volunteers
- Energy and enthusiasm!
- Water
- Collection box/ tin
- Cash float
- Sign/ banner with prizes.
- You could also have refreshments if the venue is a school or rehoming centre
- Music

Timing

You will need to contact your Local Authority if you are thinking about using a public car park, give yourself at least six weeks to plan the event.

Venue

Supermarkets, retail parks, libraries or hospitals may allow you to use their car parks. You may also be able to use a local school at the weekend (this will require more advertising but will give you more freedom - you could also sell refreshments while the customer waits). Ask the manager for permission. Public Liability Insurance would be a good idea for this event.

If you cannot organise access to a car park, why not ask willing volunteers to see if their neighbours or work colleagues would like their cars washed? You will be surprised how many people would rather pay you to wash their car than do it themselves!

Fundraising

Decide how much you plan to charge per car (usually between £3 - £5 for a normal external wash, ask for an extra donation for waxing or inside cleaning.) Make a sign to display to let customers know the price and where the funds are going. Sometimes, privately owned car parks may let you charge a parking fee (therefore increasing your total!)

You should also display a disclaimer in case of any damage to cars.