

# Car Wash Guide

A car wash is a fun and easy fundraiser that could be held at a school, university, work, or even at home!

## Getting ready for the event

- Select a venue - Decide where you will hold your car wash. Think about whether you will be doing an organised event where people bring their cars, or whether you will be targeting passers-by. Make sure your venue has access to a water supply!
- Advertise the event - Set a date and create an event on social media and get your friends and family to promote the night by sharing it / inviting their friends. You could also put up posters around your community or put flyers through letterboxes. Contact local groups who might be interested in helping/ taking part (e.g. local Brownie/ Scout groups).
- Organise your volunteers - Ask friends and family if they will help you on the day.



## What you'll need

- Hose pipe
- Buckets
- Clean cloths
- Car shampoo
- Volunteers (who are willing to get wet!)
- Float
- Decorations (charity balloons and banners)



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Lucy's fire station car wash raised £450!

- Lucy Ellis, Kilimanjaro

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## On the day

- Arrive early to set up your car wash and organise your volunteers.
- Decorate the venue and show that the car wash is for charity, it will definitely help to pull in some more customers!
- It's a good idea to have someone responsible for taking the donations, and to give those washing the cars individual jobs in order to be as efficient as possible.
- Decide how much you want to charge, and start washing!

## The important bits

- Ensure that you are using any equipment safely and efficiently, and take part when lifting heavy objects such as buckets of water.
- Ensure that a minimum of 2 people are present when counting up the money.
- Keep the money you raise safe and pay it in to MRF as soon as you can.

## Top tips

- Take plenty of photos of the car wash so that you can share them on social media alongside your fundraising page.
- You could offer snacks or hot drinks for a fee in order to boost donations.
- Be sure to thank all of your helpers!



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A group of Birmingham students  
raised £446 at their car wash!

- Birmingham University Kilimanjaro team

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