How to organize CHARITY CAR WASH step-by-step

1. **Determine how many people from your group are willing to participate**. A minimum of five people is best.
2. **Choose a date and time**. Good weather is always best, because people won't want to get their cars washed on wet days. Weekends - especially Saturdays - are good.
3. **Find a location for the car wash**. Car parks work best. Let the property owners know you'll be working for charity, and they'll be more likely to let you have the space.
4. **Determine a price for your car wash**. Usually £3-5 is a fair amount, but some car washes simply ask for donations.
5. **Pre-sell tickets to friends and family**. You get the money up-front. Many of them will just buy a ticket as a donation, and not even show-up for the car wash.
6. **Create signs and posters.** Include your price, and make sure to say why you're raising money.
7. **Greet passersby with signs**. Have people stand on street corners with their signs, so everyone can see what you are doing.
8. **Wash some cars!** Try to keep the washing under 15 minutes for the convenience of the driver.
9. **Make your car wash eco-friendly.** Wash with just water. If you must use soap, wash in a grassy area instead of on pavement. Fit your hose with a spray nozzle.
10. **Thank your patrons.** Remind them that all proceeds go to the charity.

Tips:

- Make your posters bright and colourful;
- Hand out flyers to your neighbours, and invite them to get their cars washed;
- If customers trust you with their keys, don't get them mixed up at busy times; You could use a pin board and tags to write license-plate numbers;
- Look into selling snacks and beverages while your customers wait. Get some chairs and create a relaxed atmosphere. If there are no trees nearby, see if you can rent a large tent or sun shade;
- Petrol stations on busy roads are ideal locations. People can get their car washed and a fill up at the same time;
- Practice washing cars ahead of time and see how quickly you can do it well.