

# Ideas for Kids

**Be sure to get a parent's permission before tackling any of the tasks in this booklet. Make sure an adult has properly trained you in how to do the tasks.**

## AROUND THE HOUSE

Many jobs and projects can be found around your own home. You can do some of these as a way to earn a regular weekly allowance, or you may do some as special jobs to earn extra money.

Whatever arrangements you make with your family, you'll need to know how to do the jobs you take on. Have your parent instruct you on any task you want to accomplish, whether you are mowing the lawn, trimming a hedge, ironing, etc. Whatever the job, be sure your parent or another adult has shown you the safe and proper way to accomplish the task.

### Here are some basic pointers:

When using home appliances, make sure you understand the proper, safe way to use them. This is for your own safety and so you don't damage the equipment or appliance. For example, if you're using the washing machine, make sure you've been shown how to sort the clothes and how to know the proper amount of clothes that make up a load. You'll need to know how much detergent to put into the machine. You should also know how to work the controls and the settings of the machine.

It's a good idea to attach a sheet of instructions to the dishwasher, washing machine, dryer, and other appliances you are likely to use. For example, do you know what to do if the vacuum cleaner clogs or how to change the bag when it's full? Do you know what cleaning agents are good for some jobs but not for others? If you don't know, you could endanger yourself or possibly destroy or damage things in your home. Remember: if you have a problem, ask an adult for help.

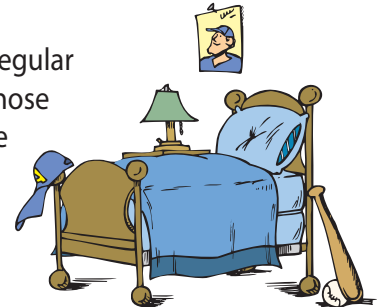


### Dust

Grab a rag and make a pledge to wipe out dust bunnies everywhere. Dust bedrooms, the living room, and other areas all around the house. Pay special attention to dust magnets, like TV and computers.

### Clean Your Room

This could be part of your regular allowance package. Keep those clothes off the floor and the toys and books neatly on the shelf to earn some cash.



### Clean the Garage

Got the gift of organization? Mountains of things are waiting for your gentle touch. Straighten the junk and sweep the floor.

### Clean the Windows



And the screens too! What adult on the planet has time to clean his windows? There's a big market for kids who are willing to break out the bucket and soap. Just say, "Yes, of course I do windows!"

### Earn Good Grades

Why not strike a deal with Mom and Dad? For every good grade you make, you earn some money.

### Iron

Get the wrinkles out of your relationship with Mom. Help her with that pile of ironing that needs to be done. For added incentive, you could make this part of your allowance package or work out a price per piece that you iron.



## Take Out the Trash

This is a job that Dad will be glad to give up. This can be a part of the weekly chores you do. Or make an arrangement that when you haul out the trash, you haul in the dough.

## Vacuum

This is a job that can be done nearly every day. Always check the bag to make sure it's not too full. Mom will welcome your help with this job again and again.

## Wash the Dishes

This job is a never-ending battle against grime and slime. Talk about job security! Learn to turn those dishes into cash for BGMC.



## Wash Clothes

You can help gather, wash, and sort the clothes. Remember: This job is not done until the clothes are folded or hung up and put away.

## AUTOMOTIVE

**Before doing anything around a car, have an adult make sure the car is safe and secure. Be sure you check with an adult before you use any kind of cleaner, polish, lubricants, or any other chemicals on the car.**



## Wash the Car

You can have fun in the sun with this one. Make sure you don't use any brushes or strong soaps that will harm the car's paint finish. Do a good job on every car, and word about your work will get around. You'll be so busy that your fingertips will stay wrinkled.

## Vacuum the Car

Almost every kid can handle removing trash from a car and vacuuming it. Make sure you don't throw away any important papers, such as receipts or bank deposits. To be certain, let the owner go through all the trash and objects you remove from the car and dispose of them himself. For an added touch, wipe the dash and plastic surfaces with furniture polish or an automotive protective spray.



## IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

**Get permission before you use any tools or equipment. Make sure you return equipment and tools to the right location when you're done. Be careful to see that they are clean and in as good or better condition as when you started using them.**

## Mulch Spreading

Mulch materials are made of tree bark or wood chips. When you spread them around plants and flowerbeds, they help control weeds and keep plants from drying out too much from sun. You can handle this one.

## Plant Flowers

Got a green thumb? Plant some green stuff in your BGMC barrel by helping someone plant some flowers.



## Rake Leaves



This is definitely seasonal work. When the leaves fall in the fall, the cash can fall in your barrel. Rake in the leaves, rake in the dough.

## Clean Up Limbs and Debris

Fill up that little red wagon with junk from the yard, and you can fill up your yellow barrel with some cash.

## Shovel Snow

Believe it or not, there are places where it snows. A lot! People will pay to get out of this job. That means you can make some good money getting those sidewalks and driveways cleaned off.



## Stack Firewood

Just think of the firewood as very big Lincoln Logs. Move 'em. Stack 'em. Have fun rackin' up money for BGMC.

## Sweep

Think about how many miles of sidewalks and driveways there are in this country. How many of them are dirty? This project should be a sweeping success.

## Trash Pickup and Removal

Pick up the trash and get some cash. Fill the trash barrel and then you can fill your BGMC barrel.

## Water Plants

Thirsty plants need lots of water. Make a splash and earn some cash. This could also work for indoor plants. Look for neighbors who are going out of town and need someone to care for their plants while they're away.

## Weed Flowerbeds

Death to the uninvited guests in the flowerbed! When they see you coming, the weeds will weep.

# AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

You don't have to have a regular "real" job to earn some money. You can find work—for every day or just now and then—even in your own neighborhood. Put your mind to it, and you can follow these money-making ideas or come up with your own. Before you sign up for any kind of a job outside your home, check with your parents.

Be prepared to stick with the job and complete it to the best of your ability. If you agree to a certain price for a job, hold to it even if it takes you longer or it's harder than you expected. You can always charge more the next time you do the job. Soon, word will get around the block that you're a great worker, and more jobs will come your way.



To round up business, you might want to make a list of the services you offer. Print copies and pass them around. Include your contact information.

**REMEMBER: Make sure you have your parent's permission! And be sure an adult has trained you in yard work jobs.**

## Collect Bottles or Aluminum Cans

Recycling is a great way to save our natural resources, and you can even make money at it. Research "Recycling" online to get information about recycling centers in your area. Go door-to-door asking for cans and bottles. In some states, cans and bottles receive a deposit. You can really earn money that way!

## Run Errands

On foot or on bike, you can run a pickup-and-delivery service. This could be especially helpful for the elderly.

## Take Out the Garbage

Many busy neighbors would be willing to pay you to put out their garbage cans. Let all your neighbors know this is something you could do regularly or if they're away on a trip or vacation.



## Water Plants and Lawns

Many of your neighbors are busy and on the run. They'd like to come home to a nice, green yard and healthy plants, but they may not have time to water and care for them. You can offer them care to spare. This would be especially helpful when they're away on vacations or on business trips.