

Need another word that means the same as “scavenge”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “scavenge” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Scavenge” are: salvage, clean, rummage, search, hunt, look, forage, root about, root around, scratch about, scratch around

Scavenge as a Verb

Definitions of "Scavenge" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “scavenge” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Combine with and remove (molecules, groups, etc.) from a particular medium.*
- *Remove (combustion products) from an internal combustion engine cylinder on the return stroke of the piston.*
- *(of an animal) search for (carrion) as food.*
- *Clean refuse from.*
- *Feed on carrion or refuse.*
- *Remove unwanted substances from.*
- *Collect discarded material.*
- *Search for and collect (anything usable) from discarded waste.*
- *Search for discarded items or food in (a place).*
- *Collect discarded or refused material.*



Synonyms of "Scavenge" as a verb (11 Words)

clean	Remove while making clean. <i>Clean up before you see your grandparents.</i>
forage	Supply with food. <i>The animals forage in the woods.</i>
hunt	Use a hound or a horse for hunting. <i>They hunted the unwanted immigrants out of the neighborhood.</i>
look	Look forward to the probable occurrence of. <i>My backyard look onto the pond.</i>
root about	Plant by the roots.
root around	Dig with the snout.
<u>rummage</u>	(of a customs officer) make a thorough search of (a vessel). <i>He rummaged the drawer for his false teeth.</i>

salvage Apprehend and execute (a suspected criminal) without trial.
*Those who are **salvaged** simply disappear from their homes or workplaces.*

scratch about Carve, cut, or etch into a material or surface.

scratch around Remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line.

search Search or seek.
*We **searched** the whole house for the missing keys.*



Usage Examples of "Scavenge" as a verb

- *People sell junk scavenged from the garbage.*
- *Hyenas scavenge.*
- *Chlorine molecules can scavenge ozone at a very fast rate.*
- *Solid lead deposits of combustion would be scavenged from the engine.*
- *The feral cat preferred to scavenge carrion from the forest floor.*
- *She scavenged the garbage cans for food.*
- *Bears and wolves scavenged for carcasses.*
- *The mink is still commonly seen scavenging the beaches of California.*

- *The city dump where the squatters scavenge to survive.*



Associations of "Scavenge" (30 Words)

bin	Store in bins. <i>She was a bit weird so I binned her off.</i>
<u>debris</u>	Loose natural material consisting especially of broken pieces of rock. <i>Leaves and garden debris.</i>
detritus	Loose material (stone fragments and silt etc) that is worn away from rocks. <i>The streets were foul with detritus.</i>
dregs	The most worthless part or parts of something. <i>The dregs of society.</i>
dumping	Selling goods abroad at a price below that charged in the domestic market.
<u>dust</u>	An act of dusting. <i>The soul that dwells within your dust.</i>

garbage	Food that is discarded (as from a kitchen). <i>A store full of overpriced garbage.</i>
impurity	The state or quality of being impure. <i>A struggle to rid the soul of sin and impurity.</i>
incinerator	A furnace for incinerating (especially to dispose of refuse).
junk	Junk bonds. <i>We need to clear out our junk room.</i>
leaving	The act of departing.
leftover	A small part or portion that remains after the main part no longer exists. <i>Everyone wanted seconds so there were no leftovers.</i>
litter	Give birth to a litter of animals. <i>Cigar butts littered the ground.</i>
refuse	Refuse entrance or membership. <i>The car refused to start.</i>
remainder	Sell cheaply as remainders. <i>The remainder of the year.</i>
remaining	Not yet used, dealt with, or resolved; outstanding. <i>They advertised for any remaining creditors to come forward.</i>
remains	The parts left over after other parts have been removed, used, or destroyed. <i>Roman remains.</i>
remnant	Remaining. <i>A remnant of the past.</i>
residual	(often plural) a payment that is made to a performer or writer or director of a television show or commercial that is paid for every repeat showing. <i>The eroded residuals of reefs built in relation to earlier higher sea levels.</i>
residue	A small amount of something that remains after the main part has gone or been taken or used. <i>The residue of the country's colonial past.</i>
riffraff	Disparaging terms for the common people.
rubble	The remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up. <i>The tower is built of stone rubble faced with ashlar.</i>
survivor	A person who copes well with difficulties in their life. <i>He left his farm to his survivors.</i>
trash	Strip (sugar canes) of their outer leaves to ripen them faster. <i>She almost trashed the email window.</i>
unclaimed	Not claimed or called for by an owner or assignee. <i>Unclaimed benefits.</i>

- valueless** Of no value.
*Cherished but **valueless** heirlooms.*
- vestigial** Forming a very small remnant of something that was once greater or more noticeable.
*The **vestigial** wings of kiwis are entirely hidden.*
- waste** Run off as waste.
*The water **wastes** back into the ocean.*
- wreckage** The remains of something that has been badly damaged or destroyed.
*Firemen had to cut him free from the **wreckage** of the car.*

