

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)

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

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

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

