

Need another word that means the same as “scrub”? Find 35 synonyms and 30 related words for “scrub” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Scrub” are: scrub up, call off, cancel, scratch, scour, rub, brush, sponge, swab, clean, cleanse, wash, wipe, abolish, scrap, throw out, abandon, drop, do away with, give up, discontinue, take away, stop, put an end to, eliminate, cut, jettison, discard, forget, forget about, abort, bush, chaparral, scouring, scrubbing**

## Scrub as a Noun

### Definitions of "Scrub" as a noun

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

- *Special hygienic clothing worn by surgeons during operations.*
- *A semi-abrasive cosmetic lotion applied to the face or body in order to cleanse the skin.*
- *Dense vegetation consisting of stunted trees or bushes.*
- *The act of cleaning a surface by rubbing it with a brush and soap and water.*
- *An act of scrubbing something or someone.*



### Synonyms of "Scrub" as a noun (4 Words)

- bush** Dense vegetation consisting of stunted trees or bushes.  
*Bush justice.*
- chaparral** Vegetation consisting chiefly of tangled shrubs and thorny bushes.
- scouring** The act of cleaning a surface by rubbing it with a brush and soap and water.  
*Scouring the entire area revealed nothing.*
- scrubbing** Dense vegetation consisting of stunted trees or bushes.



### **Usage Examples of "Scrub" as a noun**

- *Bill emerged from the delivery room in green scrubs.*
- *Give the floor a good scrub.*
- *Don't use facial scrubs if your skin is sensitive.*



## Scrub as a Verb

### Definitions of "Scrub" as a verb

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

- *Clean with hard rubbing.*
- *(of a driver) allow (a tyre) to slide or scrape across the road surface so as to reduce speed.*
- *Thoroughly clean one's hands and arms before performing surgery.*
- *Cancel or abandon (something).*
- *Rub (someone or something) hard so as to clean them, typically with a brush and water.*
- *Remove dirt by rubbing hard.*
- *Wash thoroughly.*

- *(of a driver) reduce (speed) by allowing the tyres to slide or scrape across the road surface.*
- *Postpone indefinitely or annul something that was scheduled.*
- *Use water to remove impurities from (gas or vapour).*
- *(of a person) have a smart and well-groomed appearance after making a deliberate effort.*
- *(of a rider) rub the arms and legs urgently on a horse's neck and flanks to urge it to move faster.*



## Synonyms of "Scrub" as a verb (31 Words)

**abandon** Cease to support or look after (someone); desert.  
*Fans invaded the pitch and the match was **abandoned**.*

**abolish** Do away with.  
*Slavery was **abolished** in the mid 19th century in America and in Russia.*

<b>abort</b>	Cease development die and be aborted. <i>Many doctors assume that women who undergo testing would choose to <b>abort</b>.</i>
<b>brush</b>	Clean with a brush. <i>She <b>brushed</b> a wisp of hair away from her face.</i>
<b>call off</b>	Pay a brief visit.
<b>cancel</b>	Decide or announce that (a planned event) will not take place. <i>I intend to <b>cancel</b> your debt to me.</i>
<b>clean</b>	Clean one s body or parts thereof as by washing. <i>There are a variety of ways to cook the herring but it must first be gutted and <b>cleaned</b>.</i>
<b>cleanse</b>	Rid of something unpleasant or defiling. <i>This preparation will <b>cleanse</b> and tighten the skin.</i>
<b>cut</b>	Form or shape by cutting or incising. <i>We had to lose weight so we <b>cut</b> the sugar from our diet.</i>
<b>discard</b>	Throw or cast away. <i>Hilary bundled up the clothes she had <b>discarded</b>.</i>
<b>discontinue</b>	Cease from doing or providing (something), especially something that has been provided on a regular basis. <i>Their current top of the range running shoe is being <b>discontinued</b>.</i>
<b>do away with</b>	Spend time in prison or in a labor camp.
<b>drop</b>	Score a goal by a drop kick. <i>She <b>dropped</b> a remark about having been included in the selection.</i>
<b>eliminate</b>	Eliminate from the body. <i>Let s <b>eliminate</b> the course on Akkadian hieroglyphics.</i>
<b>forget</b>	Forget to do something. <i>Don t <b>forget</b> to call the chairman of the board to the meeting.</i>
<b>forget about</b>	Dismiss from the mind; stop remembering.
<b>give up</b>	Give as a present; make a gift of.
<b>jettison</b>	Throw away, of something encumbering. <i>Six aircraft <b>jettisoned</b> their loads in the sea.</i>
<b>put an end to</b>	Formulate in a particular style or language.
<b>rub</b>	Scrape or rub as if to relieve itching. <i><b>Rub</b> oil into her skin.</i>
<b>scour</b>	Remove dirt or unwanted matter by scouring. <i>A stream came crashing through a narrow cavern to <b>scour</b> out a round pool below.</i>

<b>scrap</b>	Discard or remove from service a redundant old or inoperative vehicle vessel or machine especially so as to convert it to scrap metal. <i>A bold decision was taken to <b>scrap</b> existing plant.</i>
<b>scratch</b>	Play a record using the scratch technique. <i>The lovers <b>scratched</b> their names into the bark of the tree.</i>
<b>scrub up</b>	Postpone indefinitely or annul something that was scheduled.
<b>sponge</b>	Decorate pottery using a sponge. <i>I ll go and <b>sponge</b> this orange juice off my dress.</i>
<b>stop</b>	Stop moving or operating. <i>You ll have to <b>stop</b> the night.</i>
<b>swab</b>	Wash with a swab or a mop. <i><b>Swab</b> the ship s decks.</i>
<b>take away</b>	Head into a specified direction.
<b>throw out</b>	Cause to go on or to be engaged or set in operation.
<b>wash</b>	Be capable of being washed. <i>The cat <b>washes</b> several times a day.</i>
<b>wipe</b>	Pass a swipe card over an electronic reader. <i>Paul <b>wiped</b> his face with a handkerchief.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Scrub" as a verb

- *She scrubbed furiously at the plates.*
- *It took ages to scrub off the muck.*
- *She was scrubbing herself down at the sink.*
- *The vapour is scrubbed by the condensate.*
- *He had to scrub the floor.*
- *The doctor scrubbed up and donned a protective gown.*
- *Surgeons must scrub prior to an operation.*
- *I usually only scrub the front tyre when I get into a turn too hot.*
- *The first two races had to be scrubbed because of blustery winds and rough seas.*
- *By now the field was spreadeagled and scrubbing to keep in touch with the hounds.*
- *The band scrub up well to play weddings and parties.*
- *He slammed the bike down on the cases to scrub off speed.*
- *We had to scrub our vacation plans.*
- *She scrubbed his back.*





## Associations of "Scrub" (30 Words)

- ablution** (in army slang) a building or room containing washing facilities and toilets.  
*The women performed their **ablutions**.*
- bath** An act or process of immersing and washing one's body in the water held by a bath.  
*He lay in the **bath**.*
- bathe** Suffuse or envelope with something.  
*I was **bathed** in a cold sweat.*
- bathtub** A bath.

<b>bleach</b>	Clean or sterilize a drain sink etc with bleach. <i>His contributions to the album are <b>bleached</b> of personality.</i>
<b>brush</b>	Rub with a brush or as if with a brush. <i>Once you ve had it professionally cleaned be sure to <b>brush</b> your coat after each wear.</i>
<b>bubble</b>	Rise in bubbles or as if in bubbles. <i>We both lived in a <b>bubble</b> the kind provided by occupying a privileged pied terre in Greenwich Village.</i>
<b>clean</b>	Clean one s body or parts thereof as by washing. <i>Cats are <b>clean</b> animals.</i>
<b>cleaner</b>	A device for cleaning such as a vacuum cleaner. <i>My suit s at the <b>cleaners</b>.</i>
<b>cleanly</b>	Smoothly and without difficulty; precisely and deftly. <i>Some plain but <b>cleanly</b> country maid.</i>
<b>cleanse</b>	Rid of something unpleasant or defiling. <i>You can consume the broth three times a day for a <b>cleanse</b>.</i>
<b>conditioner</b>	Exercise that conditions the body. <i>Add a water <b>conditioner</b> to neutralize chlorine.</i>
<b>dampen</b>	Smother or suppress. <i>Slider switches on the mixers can <b>dampen</b> the drums.</i>
<b>deaden</b>	Make (someone) insensitive to something. <i>Laughter might <b>deaden</b> us to the moral issue.</i>
<b>detergent</b>	Any additive with a similar action to a detergent e g an oil soluble substance which holds dirt in suspension in lubricating oil. <i>Packets of <b>detergent</b>.</i>
<b>lather</b>	Exude sweat or lather. <i>Dad had got into a right <b>lather</b> by the time I got home.</i>
<b>launder</b>	A channel for conveying molten metal from a furnace or container to a ladle or mould. <i>123 000 had been <b>laundered</b> through Geneva bank accounts.</i>
<b>laundress</b>	A working woman who takes in washing.
<b>laundry</b>	Clothes and linen that need to be washed or that have been newly washed. <i>Cooking and <b>laundry</b> were undertaken by domestic staff.</i>
<b>lave</b>	Cleanse (one's body) with soap and water. <i>The waves <b>laved</b> the shore.</i>
<b>med</b>	Medicine medication. <i>She s at <b>med</b> school.</i>

<b>moisten</b>	Moisten with fine drops. <i>She <b>moistened</b> her lips with the tip of her tongue.</i>
<b>rinse</b>	Rinse one's mouth and throat with mouthwash. <i>Always <b>rinse</b> your hair thoroughly.</i>
<b>sanitation</b>	Making something sanitary (free of germs) as by sterilizing. <i>They could afford to erect new dwellings with a reasonable standard of construction and <b>sanitation</b>.</i>
<b>shampoo</b>	Wash something in or out of the hair using shampoo. <i>A <b>shampoo</b> and set.</i>
<b>shower</b>	Cause a mass of small things to fall in a shower. <i>His hooves <b>showered</b> sparks across the concrete floor.</i>
<b>soap</b>	Rub soap all over usually with the purpose of cleaning. <i>A bar of <b>soap</b>.</i>
<b>tub</b>	The contents of a tub or the amount it can contain. <i>She's revolting she doesn't <b>tub</b>.</i>
<b>wash</b>	A quantity of clothes needing to be or just having been washed. <i>Citrus scented body <b>wash</b>.</i>
<b>washing</b>	The action of washing oneself or laundering clothes bed linen etc. <i>Avoid over enthusiastic <b>washing</b>.</i>

