

**The Ojibwa:  
Wild Rice Gatherers**

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### **Step 1**

Must have clean canoe for the sticks for knocking rice and clean feet or shoes.

No dirt is to get in the rice.



## Step 2

Go to rice patch.

One person guides canoe while other knocks rice off and into boat.



### **Step 3**

Parching the rice.

Build the fire.

Must have a small kettle and must stir at all times with a wooden paddle.

While heating it, don't overdo it or it will scorch.



**Step 4**

Remove the rice from kettle.

Empty into clean container.



**Step 5**

Then you have to thrash it to get all of the hulls (skin) off.



### **Step 6**

After thrashing it, you must go through it by hand and find the hulls you missed.

This is a full day's work, from sunup to sundown.  
Can be done in one full day!