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ac·cu·mu·late  (ə-ky m yə-lāt')

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v. ac·cu·mu·lat·ed, ac·cu·mu·lat·ing, ac·cu·mu·lates

v.tr.

1. To gather or cause to increase; amass: *We accumulated enough wood for a fire. Nearly all bank accounts accumulate interest.*

2. To be the site for (a gradually increasing mass), especially as a result of disuse or neglect: *Those old books are accumulating dust.*

v.intr.

To mount or pile up; increase: *Snow is accumulating on the roads.* See Synonyms at [gather](#).

[Latin *accumulāre*, *accumulāt-* : *ad-*, *ad-* + *cumulāre*, to pile up (from *cumulus*, heap; see **keuə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

ac·cu mu·la·ble (-lə-bəl) *adj.*

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