

# WATER POLLUTION IN OUR COMMUNITY SCENARIO CARDS

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## Scenario #1:

You have two small trees next to your house. The trees attract wasps, mosquitoes, and caterpillars. You spray the trees with a pesticide (a chemical to kill or drive away the insects). It's windy when you spray, so some of the pesticide blows onto the sidewalk and driveway.

**Simulated Pollution:** Spread your pesticide (colored powder) by the base of the trees, the sidewalk, and driveway.

## Scenario #2:

You enjoy helping change the motor oil in the family car. You carry the huge pan of thick used motor oil to the storm drain in front of the house where you dump it, because that's where you have always been told to put it.

**Simulated Pollution:** Place oil (brown liquid) in or near the storm drain near where you were working on the car.

## Scenario #3:

One snowy winter evening your family hears raccoons outside opening and turning over the garbage cans left out by the curb. It is too dark and cold to go outside and chase them away. The next morning no one has time to clean up the litter that was strewn all over the street.

**Simulated Pollution:** Dump the trash items (sprinkles) around your house and down your street.

## Scenario #4:

One of your jobs at home is to mow the lawn each week. You use a grass catcher to catch most of the grass you mow, but you do not sweep up the street or sidewalk when you are done.

**Simulated Pollution:** Spread the green grass clippings (colored powder) on the street and sidewalk near your lawn.

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## Scenario #5:

You enjoy walking your dog. When your dog needs to go to the bathroom she goes on the paved road along the curb so that she doesn't make a mess on the neighbor's lawn or the park where you know kids play. That way you don't have to pick it up.

Simulated Pollution: Drop the dog poop (colored powder) in a few spots along the road near the park.

## Scenario #6:

Your family enjoys stopping at a fast-food restaurant for dinner every now and then, usually when you are in a hurry or traveling. To save time, you usually eat inside your car while parked outside in the parking lot. In order to keep the car clean, you leave your bags of trash on the pavement in the parking lot for the workers to pick up, since there are usually no trash cans.

Simulated Pollution: Leave your food scraps and food wrappers (sprinkles) near where your car was parked.

## Scenario #7:

One of your chores at home is to take care of the lawn. In order to make sure it is healthy looking and lush, your parents ask you to spread fertilizer (a chemical that helps plants grow) on it. You use a push spreader to spread the fertilizer all over the grass and some lands on the sidewalk and driveway as well.

Simulated Pollution: Spread fertilizer (colored powder) along the grass, sidewalk, and street by your home.

## Scenario #8:

One of your chores at home in the summer is to help wash the family car. You use a bucket with soapy water to soap up the car. When you are done, you dump the bucket of soapy water down the driveway and rinse the car off with the garden hose.

Simulated Pollution: Spread soap (colored water) down the driveway.