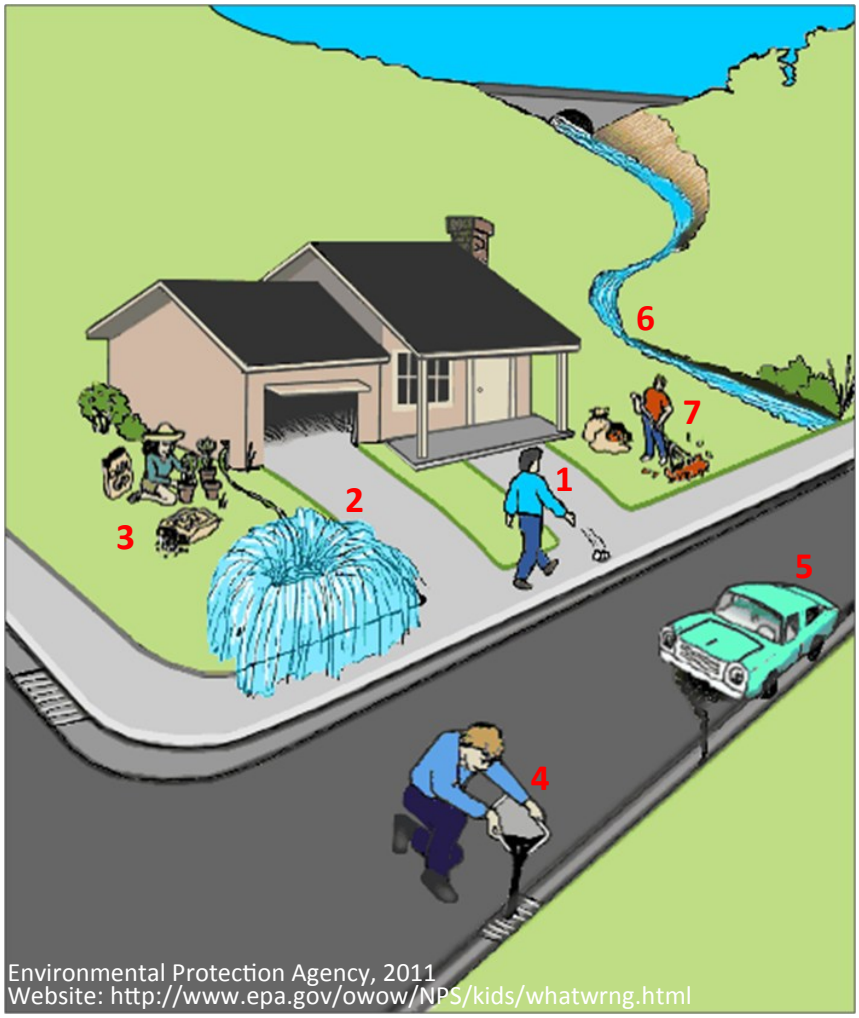
Can you identify the common household practices that contribute to stormwater pollution?

1. **Littering.**
2. **Over-watering.**
3. **Over-use of pesticides and fertilizers.**
4. **Dumping.**



Environmental Protection Agency, 2011
Website: http://www.epa.gov/owow/NPS/kids/whatwrng.html

5. **Leaks or drips from machinery.**
6. **No riparian buffer.**
7. **Blowing, raking, or dumping leaves & grass clippings down storm drain.**

Help prevent stormwater pollution in your neighborhood!

1. Pick up trash and litter in your yard and on the street. Recycle when possible. Always pick up or bury pet waste.
2. Place sprinklers so only your lawn is watered, not the street. Water during early morning or evening hours to reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation.
3. Limit use of pesticides and fertilizers in your yard or garden. Use native plants and shrubs that don't require additional care. If you do use a pesticide or fertilizer product, read the instructions carefully to avoid over-application. Never apply pesticides or insecticides before rain.
4. Never pour oil, antifreeze, paint, or other liquids down the storm drain. Recycle used oil or contact your local waste disposal center for other options.
5. Regularly check your car, lawn mower, or boat for leaks or drips. If leaks or drips are found, have them fixed as soon as possible.
6. Plant a vegetated buffer of plants, shrubs, and trees around streams, ponds, and creeks to prevent erosion and help absorb pollutants in stormwater. If you don't have a water body in your yard, plant rain gardens in low-lying areas to filter runoff.
7. Do not dump grass clippings or other yard debris. Instead, leave grass clippings on lawn, compost, or collect in paper bags for removal.

Questions? Contact the Town of Mount Pleasant Water Quality division for more information at 843-849-2022.