

**CONTROL OUTDOOR WASHING ACTIVITIES.** Wash items outdoors only as a last resort and according to the City of Combes Ordinance. Employ BMPs if you must conduct washing activities outdoors to avoid wastewater to runoff to the storm drain.

**ELIMINATE ILLICIT DRAIN CONNECTIONS.** Plumbing from indoor sink drains should not discharge directly into storm drainage systems, gutters, creeks and streams; instead, indoor drains should be plumbed according to our local building code.

**CONTROL EROSION AND LANDSCAPED AREAS.** Use native shrubs, plants and natural groundcovers to beautify your site, control areas where pedestrian traffic has damaged plants, and consider alternative materials, such as river rock or mulch, in areas of heavy use. Watch slopes for soil erosion.



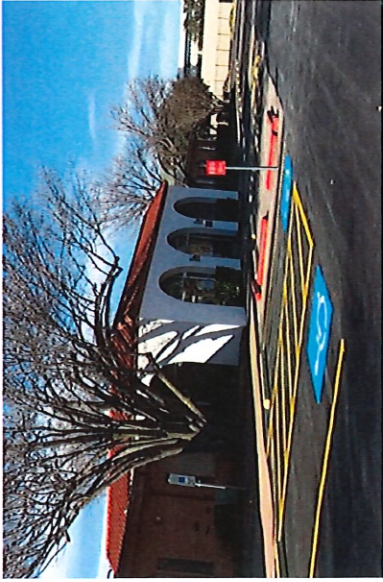
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Good Housekeeping Practices for  
Businesses- Fact sheet

Protect the **Laguna Madre and the Arroyo Colorado**

Be THE difference in Combes by preventing stormwater runoff from your site. Cleaning products such as paint, lawn fertilizers, and trash can make their way downstream to the Laguna Madre, the Arroyo Colorado and our local ditches, and outfalls. For the outdoors, please try to sweep regularly to remove silt, sand, and litter from your parking lot. Your dumpsters or trash cans must have a lid and always covered. We may update our routine to help the effectiveness in the Environment.





## Good Housekeeping Best Management Practice (BMPs) for your Business.

Utilize these Good Housekeeping BMPs to help prevent stormwater runoff pollution in our local ditches, outfalls, the Laguna Madre, and the Arroyo Colorado.

**SWEEPING.** It's a good idea to sweep your parking lot regularly to stop dirt and debris from building up. Only use water to wash fine soil onto dirt or grass areas, not down the street. (Never wash debris down storm drains.) Always dispose of your trash properly.

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BMPs

**KEEP IT CLEAN.** Sweep the sidewalk and parking lot outside your front and back doors to control litter and debris, cigarette butts, and packaging waste from customers and deliveries. Pick up and dispose of the trash properly, and conveniently locate trash cans and cigarette receptacles for your customers to encourage proper disposal of waste, wrappers and packing from your premises. Trash cans need to be covered with securely fitting lids.

**BE NEAT WITH TRASH HANDLING.** Non-hazardous and non-liquid solid wastes need to be contained in tied bags prior to disposing in dumpsters. Lids on trash cans and dumpsters should fit securely to prevent dispersal of trash by animals or wind. Regularly inspect waste storage areas for litter.

**DON'T WASH NOR MAINTAIN YOUR COMPANY'S VEHICLE IN THE STREET OR PARKING LOT.** Just using and maintaining our cars can contribute to water pollution. Tires, fluids, filters, and soap can make their way downstream to our laguna and arroyo if we aren't careful in how we use and dispose of these products.

**CLEANING PRODUCTS.** Never dispose of cleaning products in the sink drain or storm drain. For disposal, look for household hazardous waste drop-off location in your area. Try non-toxic, non-hazardous cleaning products or alternative cleaning supplies that you can make from simple household items like baking soda, vinegar, and lemon juice.

**TRASH DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING.** Recycling conserves landfill space, natural resources, and energy. Time the time to understand what products you can recycle and where. Your participation in recycling today will help support an even greater market for recycled products tomorrow.