

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

CONTROL EROSION AND LANDSCAPED AREAS. Use native shrubs, plants and natural groundcovers to beautify your home, control areas where use has damaged plants, and consider alternative materials, such as river rock or mulch, in those areas of heavy use. Watch slopes for soil erosion. Lawn clippings should always be mulched back into the lawn.

PET WASTE. Pet waste contributes to water pollution. In order to prevent pet waste from entering waterways scoop the poop, bag it and place it in the trash.



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Good Housekeeping Practices for
YOUR HOME – Fact Sheet

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

Be the difference in Combes. Our activities at home can contribute to water pollution. Cleaning products, paint, medicine, and trash can make their way downstream to the Laguna Madre, the Arroyo Colorado , outfalls and ditches if we aren't careful in how we use and dispose of these products. We can always make small changes in our routine to help make a difference for the environment.

BE THE DIFFERENCE!!

DO YOUR PART!!





Good House keeping Best Management Practices (BMPs) for your Home.

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

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

PLEASE REPORT ANY ILLEGAL DUMPING
OR ILLICIT DISCHARGES IMMEDIATELY!!
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DON'T WASH NOR MAINTAIN YOUR VEHICLE IN THE STREET. 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. Wash vehicle in your yard, instead of driveway. Make sure to use a drip pan when changing your oil, Depose of oil properly.

CLEANING PRODUCTS. Never dispose of cleaning products in the sink drain or storm drain!!! For disposal, look for household hazardous waste drop-off locations in your area. Try non-toxic, non-household items like baking soda, vinegar, and lemon juice.

PAINTING. Do no clean paint brushes in an area where paint can flow into the street or storm drain. For unused paint, try donating it to a home reuse center. Dry any empty paint cans before disposal in the trash.

PHARMACEUTICALS AND PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS. In recent years, the Environmental Protection Agency has found pharmaceuticals and personal care products (PPCPs) such as medicines, shampoos, cosmetics, sunscreen and vitamins in treated wastewater, streams and lakes. Currently, further studies and solutions to address this issue are in the early phases. To dispose of unused PPCPs, follow the product label. Alternatively, deposit at a household hazardous waste collection or place in a dry plastic bag and into the garbage

TRASH DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING.

Recycling conserves landfill space, natural resources, and energy. Take the time to understand what products you can recycle and where. Trash is only picked up once a week in the City of Combes. Recycling reduces your garbage. You may recycle at other recycling centers, Harlingen, McAllen, etc. Your participation in recycling will help support an even greater market for recycled products tomorrow.