

**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.

**Best Management Practices (BMP)** – All oil and gas facilities should implement a BMP procedure at their site that includes a dedicated preventative maintenance procedure. Employees should ensure that all piping is structurally secure and intact, all hatches are closed with properly maintained gaskets, and all valves are closed unless otherwise intended. These practices are financially and environmentally advantageous. For more information on best management practices and additional opportunities to improve operating efficiency, please see the Natural Gas STAR Program.



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Good Housekeeping Practices for RESTAURANTS & FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS – Fact Sheet

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

Be the difference in Combes by preventing stormwater runoff pollution from your site. Preventing stormwater pollution from occurring is undoubtedly less costly than cleaning up water pollution after the fact. Preventive measures include good housekeeping practices for the outdoors which include sweeping regularly to remove silt, sand and litter from your parking lot, making sure dumpsters are covered at all times, and controlling kitchen grease waste stored outside.





## Good Housekeeping Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Restaurants, Food Service Facilities, and Distributors

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

### CONTROL KITCHEN GREASE

**STORAGE.** Ensure grease storage containers are not leaking and in good condition. Take steps to prevent grease from dripping or overflowing when transferring and emptying containers. Container lids should fit securely and be inaccessible to vandals and animals. Never dispose of grease in a storm drain.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, DON'T BE INJUDICIOUS. PLEASE REPORT ANY ILLICIT DISCHARGES.

### BE NEAT WITH TRASH HANDLING.

Non-hazardous and non-liquid solid wastes should be containerized in tied bags prior to disposing in dumpsters. Lids on trash cans and dumpster containers should fit securely to prevent dispersal of trash by animals or wind. Regularly inspect waste storage areas for litter. If broken, please call to replace it or fix it.

### 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. Use minimum amounts of water to avoid producing excessive runoff that may contain detergent or pesticide residues, bacteria, or grease.

Polluted wash water, even in small amounts, can accumulate in storm drains and water ways where it can harm aquatic life and impact water quality.

**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 make sure all receptacles for your customers are cleaned regularly. Trash can must be covered with a secure lid.

### 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 codes.