

# **Grease Trap Disposal Monitoring**

## **Proper Pumping Procedure**

It is recommended that a licensed Pumper/Hauler perform the maintenance on your grease trap to assure proper pumping procedure is followed.

A quality pumper will follow the “5-Side Rule”. According to this rule, all four walls and the bottom of the grease trap should be cleaned thoroughly.

The pumper should observe this rule and the following proper pumping procedure.

Step 1: Skim the entire grease cap and debris from the top of the water in the trap. The grease trap may need to be agitated prior to pumping to loosen the grease cap.

Step 2: Place vacuum tube all the way into the trap to remove solids from the bottom.

Step 3: Vacuum water out of the trap.

Step 4: Thoroughly clean the sides and bottom of the trap.

Step 5: Check that the “T”s on the inlet and outlet sides of the trap are not clogged or loose.

Step 6: Make sure that the baffle is secure and in place.

Step 7: Inspect the trap for any cracks or defects.

Step 8: Remove cleaning water, leaving trap empty.

Step 9: Check that lids are securely and properly sealed after completion of pumping.

All pumpage from grease traps must be tracked by a manifest, which confirms pumping, hauling, and disposal of waste. The customer must obtain and retain a copy of the original manifest from the hauler.