After each service, the grease trap should be pumped out completely and cleaned. Check to make sure the grease trap is clean before the next service.

**Example:** If the grease trap is approximately 40% full, the solids and settled solids take up about 1/2 inch. The grease trap should be pumped out before the total amount of oil, grease and solids take up 2/3 of the grease trap. The grease trap should be cleaned before the total amount of oil, grease and solids take up 2/3 of the grease trap.

**For Interior Grease Traps:** The grease trap should be cleaned before the total amount of oil, grease and solids take up 2/3 of the grease trap. Determine your cleaning frequency.

**Drains:** After each service, all grease and settled solids that go down your floor drains and the amount of grease and oil on your roof tops and roofs should be cleaned. Install and use screens or strainers before your floor drains to prevent solids from going into the drains.

**Best Management Practices (BMP's) for Grease Management:**

- **Grease Traps:**
  - Prevent blockages from happening to you.
  - Most blockages and backups are caused by grease plugs. Grease can be prevented.
  - Monitor and perform necessary maintenance regularly.
  - By using best management practices that go down your drains:
    - avoid chemicals or additives that will dissolve grease. These will accumulate on roof tops and walls.
    - cause grease and oil droplets to stick to the sides of the traps.
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  - Install and operate grease traps.
  - Have a properly stored and operating grease trap.