REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTIC TANK PUMPERS
AND CHEMICAL TOILET OPERATORS

Any person or business that provides service of pumping septic tanks, holding tanks, grease traps, chemical toilets, pit privies, cesspools, seepage pits or other sewage contaminants must operate under a permit from Yolo County Environmental Health Division (YCEH). In addition, a vehicle that disposes wastewater collected from other counties from above mentioned activities in Yolo County will require permit from YCEH. Any non-permitted sewage pumping companies and vehicles caught operating in Yolo County may be subject to penalties, citations and/or other legal action. This handout is intended as a general overview of requirements pertaining to such activity but is not a substitute for applicable laws and regulations.

Registration and Permit Process:
Each vehicle must complete the registration form with YCEH prior to operating in Yolo County. At the minimum, a copy of the current vehicle DMV registration is required for registration. In addition, the exact location(s) where the wastewater will be disposed must be identified in the registration form. Upon submittal of the completed application and fee, YCEH will schedule an inspection.

Annual inspection:
Annual inspection of the registered vehicles is required to ensure that the minimum operating requirements are being adhered. These will include proper vehicle identification; proper vehicle maintenance; adequate cleaning equipment and spill kit, etc.. A permit and permit sticker will be issued at the end of inspection if the vehicle passes the inspection. The permit sticker must be posted prominently on the upper left rear of the vehicle. There will be an annual fee required.

Reporting:
Quarterly service record is recommended to submit to YCEH for review and filing. You can contact YCEH for a template to use for this purpose. However, you shall report to YCEH if you observe any significant deficiencies of the septic system that will cause public health concern or public nuisance. These will include surfacing sewage or chronically failing septic system.