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Plumbing Definitions

- 1. Where applied to a fixture, connection, appliance, or equipment, "accessible" means having access thereto, but which first may require the removal of an access panel, door, or similar obstruction.
- A. Backflow Preventer
- 2. Having a direct access without the necessity of removing a panel, door, or similar obstruction.
- B. Backwater Valve
- 3. A physical separation which may be a low inlet into the indirect waste receptor from the fixture, appliance, or device indirectly connected.
- C. Invert
- 4. The unobstructed vertical distance through the free atmosphere between the lowest opening from a pipe, plumbing fixture, appliance, or appurtenance conveying waste to the flood-level rim of the receptor.
- D. Indirect Waste Pipe
- 5. The flow of water or other liquids, mixtures, or substances into the distributing pipes of a potable supply of water from sources other than its intended source. See Back- siphonage, Backpressure Backflow.
- E. Dry Vent

6. An arrangement whereby backflow can occur.

- F. Accessible
- 7. A backflow prevention device, assembly, or other method to prevent backflow into the potable water system.
- G. Critical Level
- 8. A device installed in a drainage system to prevent reverse flow. Bathroom Group. Any combination of fixtures, not to exceed one water closet, two lavatories, either one bathtub or one combination bath/shower, and one shower, and may include a bidet and an emergency floor drain.
- H. Continuous Vent

- 9. That part of the lowest piping of a drainage system that receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer beginning 2 feet (610 mm) outside the building wall.
- I. Main Vent

- 10. That part of the horizontal piping of a drainage system that extends from the end of the building drain and that receives the discharge of the building drain and conveys it to a public sewer, private sewer, private sewage disposal system, or other point of disposal.
- J. Accessible, Readily

- 11. A specially designed system of waste piping embodying the K. Continuous Waste horizontal wet venting of one or more sinks or floor drains by means of a common waste and vent pipe. 12. A vertical vent that is a continuation of the drain to which it L. Combination Waste and Vent connects. 13. A drain connecting the compartments of a set of fixtures to a trap M. Building Sewer or connecting other permitted fixtures to a common trap. 14. The critical level (C-L or C/L) marking on a backflow prevention N. Building Drain device or vacuum breaker is a point con-forming to approved standards and established by the testing laboratory (usually stamped on the device by the manufac-turer) that determines the minimum elevation above the flood-level rim of the fixture or receptor served at which the device may be installed. Where a backflow prevention device does not bear a critical level marking, the bottom of the vacuum breaker, combination valve, or the bottom of such approved device shall constitute the critical level. 15. A connection or arrangement, physical or otherwise, between a O. Gray Water potable water supply system and a plumbing fixture or a tank, receptor, equipment, or device, through which it may be possible for non-potable, used, unclean, polluted, and contaminated water, or other substances to enter into a part of such potable water system under any condition. 16. The length along the center line of a pipe and fittings. P. Stack 17. A vent that does not receive the discharge of any sewage or Q. Potable Water waste. 18. The top edge of a receptor from which water overflows. R. Flood-Level Rim 19. Untreated wastewater that has not come into contact with toilet S. Developed Length waste, kitchen sink waste, dishwasher waste or similarly contaminated sources. Gray water includes wastewater from bathtubs, showers, lavatories, clothes washers, and laundry tubs. T. Cross-Connection
- 20. A pipe that does not connect directly with the drainage system but conveys liquid wastes by dis- charging into a plumbing fixture, interceptor, or receptacle that is directly connected to the drainage system.
- 21. The lowest portion of the inside of a horizontal pipe.

 U. Backflow Connection

22. The principal artery of the venting system to which vent branches may be connected.

V. Static Pressure

23. Water that is satisfactory for drinking, culi- nary, and domestic purposes and that meets the requirements of the Health Authority Having Jurisdiction.

W. Backflow

24. The pressure available at the fixture or water outlet after allowance is made for pressure drop due to friction loss, head, meter, and other losses in the system during maximum demand periods.

X. Air Gap, Drainage

25. The pressure existing without any flow.

Y. Residual Pressure

26. The vertical main of a system of soil, waste, or vent piping extending through one or more stories.

Z. Air Break