

Pest Control Checklist

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- ☐ Assessment
 - ☐ Is there evidence of damage and debris caused by insects?
 - ☐ Are the doors or other openings to the outside tight fitting?
 - ☐ Are there gaps around windows and/ or doors?
 - ☐ Are there water sources near the building?
 - ☐ Is there waste disposal near the building?
 - ☐ Is there vegetation or mulch placed against or near the building?
 - ☐ Is there nonessential lighting near the building?
 - ☐ Is there evidence of damage and debris caused by insects within the building?
 - ☐ Are there cracks or holes in or around the walls, doors or windows?
 - ☐ Is there food waste in undesignated areas?
 - ☐ Do all food containers have lids?
 - ☐ Are there moisture leaks or condensation around plumbing, windows, or climate control equipment?
 - ☐ Are garbage containers clean and properly covered?
- ☐ Do's (Rodents)
 - ☐ Sweep up all food debris in the food preparation and storage areas.
 - ☐ Ensure all food such as flour, sugar and legumes are covered and stored in sealed containers.
 - ☐ Seal gaps and holes in walls, floors, ceilings and around pipes and cables.
 - ☐ Remove accumulated boxes or redundant equipment.
 - ☐ Seal the gap under external doors.
 - ☐ Cover and seal rubbish bins tightly.
 - ☐ Purchase and use only poisons and chemicals approved for use in food establishments.
 - ☐ Lay baits such as pellets or blocks, or traps where droppings are sited and check them regularly.
 - ☐ Carry out a monthly check of the food premises to check for any signs of rodent activity.
- ☐ Signs of Infestation (Rodents)

- ☐ Rodent droppings on the floor and other surfaces especially where food is stored.
- ☐ Greasy rub marks on vertical surfaces.
- ☐ Squeaking, gnawing or movement sounds in walls, cupboards, ceilings.
- ☐ Nests made from rags, paper, cardboard, straw and other materials.
- ☐ Gnawing damage to materials including wood, soft metals, soap, cables, conduits and food containers.
- ☐ Do's (Cockroach)
 - ☐ Before treating any area take a flashlight and check for nesting sites.
 - ☐ Vacuum regularly.
 - ☐ Seal any holes, cracks or crevices to eliminate hiding places for the cockroaches.
 - ☐ Reduce potential harbourage by removing clutter.
 - ☐ Thoroughly clean and disinfect all equipment and surfaces.
 - ☐ Clean away any dead cockroaches.
 - ☐ Baits should be placed around the premises where cockroach activity or droppings are found.
 - ☐ Replace the baits as required.
 - ☐ If necessary, employ a pest control operator to inspect and treat the premises.
 - ☐ Carry out a monthly check of the food premises to check for any signs of cockroach activity.
- ☐ Signs of Infestation (Cockroach)
 - ☐ Smell.
 - ☐ Small spindle shaped droppings.
 - ☐ Dead cockroach bodies.