



## Rodent management checklist for non-food retail

Rodent activity can have a negative impact on any business. Besides posing serious health risks by contaminating every surface they come in contact with, rodents can cause costly damage, gnawing through drywall, wiring, products, and more.

Take an active role in rodent control and keep your business rodent-free. **Get started today with our helpful checklist.**

### Daily Tasks

- Sweep under and around shelves, checkout stands, inside cart areas, open warehouse areas, and/or storage racks.
- Clean up any food debris. Mop these same areas.
- Make sure to look in refuse piles for any droppings or chewed items.
- Should droppings, shredded/chewed items be found, alert your pest management provider right away.

### Weekly Tasks

- In addition to the daily tasks, look around storage areas as deliveries are being made and inventory is being moved around, clean these areas with a broom and/or mop.

- Look for damaged materials, rodent droppings, rub marks, and holes in walls that need repair. Repairing holes in walls will help reduce areas of harborage and limit places rodents can hide, making them easier to catch.
- If any of the aforementioned items are found, call your pest management provider right away for an assessment.



According to the CDC, worldwide, mice and rats can spread over 35 diseases to humans. Diseases such as salmonellosis, hantavirus, and rat-bite fever may be spread directly through droppings, urine, saliva, and being bitten.



### Monthly Tasks

- Along with the previously mentioned items, inspect areas like electrical closets, dumpster corrals, or other areas that are not cleaned frequently and take a look at the enclosures.
- If any signs of rodents are there (droppings, rub marks, chewed/shredded items), call your pest management provider to investigate further.
- Clean the area after pest management has seen the evidence, then monitor it weekly for new activity.

### Semi-annual Tasks

- Move items away from walls, move items that don't regularly move, lift larger items like couches, beds, benches, and gondola bases/shelving bases. Check to see if rodent activity is present.
- If these areas have rodent activity, call your pest management provider and schedule a full inspection.

- Clean area(s) of concern after your pest management provider has made its assessment to better monitor the area for any new activity.

### Annual Tasks

- Review your contract with your pest management provider to ensure all items are current and meet the needs of your business.



A rodent's incisor teeth never stop growing. To wear them down, they engage in a behavior called bruxing (rubbing their upper teeth against their lower teeth and vice versa). This creates a sharp, beveled edge, allowing them to easily gnaw through wiring, building materials, and product.



**Your Rentokil Pest Technician can often provide minor repair and rodent proofing services for an additional charge. Ask your Technician for more information.**