



Rats and Rodents Management Checklist for Supermarkets

Rats and mice pose persistent challenges to supermarkets year-round, due to the constant influx of goods and the potential for food spillage and waste. Implementing a robust rodent control plan is absolutely essential for maintaining food safety and public health. Contamination from rodent fur, droppings and urine can lead to severe health hazards like salmonellosis, rat-bite fever and murine typhus, transmitted through contact with infected rodents or their secretions.

Unchecked rodent infestations can have devastating repercussions for supermarkets, including:

- **Damage to Reputation:** Loss of customer trust and negative brand perception.
- **Unfavourable Media Exposure:** Public health alerts and negative press coverage.
- **Regulatory Penalties:** Fines and potential operational shutdowns by the National Environment Agency (NEA).

Innovative Rat Control Solutions

At Innovative Pest Management, we understand the unique challenges of rodent control in supermarkets. We conduct thorough site evaluations to identify sources of attraction and nesting areas, accurately determine infestation levels and identify specific rodent species.

Our specialised services for supermarkets include:

- **Targeted Treatment Plans:** Customised to address the specific layout, operations and vulnerabilities of each supermarket.
- **24/7 Remote Monitoring:** Providing real-time visibility and control over rodent activity, allowing for swift and targeted responses.
- **Minimal Disruption Solutions:** Utilising discreet and efficient methods that minimise impact on customer experience and daily operations.

Call Innovative at (65) 6909 0988 to speak with our experienced pest control specialists and develop a customised rodent control plan for your supermarket. Let us help you protect your products, customers and reputation.

DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES

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Immediate Spill Cleanup: Promptly remove all food and liquid residues, especially in food preparation, display and storage areas. Focus on high-risk zones like deli counters, bakeries and produce sections.

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Proper Waste Handling: Use secure, tightly sealed bags and place all rubbish into bins fitted with secure lids. Empty bins frequently, especially at the end of each day.

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Leak Prevention: Detect and repair any leaks from refrigeration units, plumbing or roofs immediately. Pay special attention to areas around sinks, drainage and floor traps.

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Surface Sanitation: Regularly wipe down all food preparation surfaces, floors, shelving and equipment with approved sanitising agents. Clean under cooking stations, display cases, and refrigeration units.

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Access Control: Ensure all entrances, including loading docks, delivery doors and customer entry points are fully closed and sealed during non-operational hours. Repair any damaged weather stripping.

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Inspection of Food Stocks: Regularly examine all incoming supplies for signs of rodent damage, such as gnaw marks, droppings or compromised packaging. Reject any infested items.

W E E K L Y M A I N T E N A N C E

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Storage Area Upkeep: Organise storage spaces, remove unnecessary items from the floor and maintain clear aisles to eliminate hiding spots for rodents.

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Cooling and Dry Storage Checks: Inspect walk-in freezers, coolers and dry storage areas for nesting materials like shredded paper, fabric or rodent droppings.

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Drains and Pits Check: Ensure all drainage systems, gullies and floor traps are clean, free of debris and functioning correctly. Treat drains with appropriate enzymatic cleaners.

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Surface Examination: Look for visual signs of rodent activity, such as fresh droppings, gnaw marks, rub marks along walls or urine stains. Inspect shelves, pallets and equipment.

MONTHLY INSPECTION ROUTINE

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Structural Sealant: Inspect all utility entry points (pipes, wires, cables) and seal any visible gaps or cracks with suitable, rodent-proof sealants.

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Container Integrity: Ensure all trash receptacles, recycling bins and compost containers are intact and have no holes or cracks.

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Building Perimeter & Exterior: Check exterior walls, roofing, loading docks and surrounding landscaping for openings, cracks or potential entry points. Trim vegetation away from the building foundation.

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External Environment: Look for active burrows, runways or evidence of recent rodent activity outdoors, especially near dumpsters or loading docks.

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Facility Surfaces: Conduct detailed inspections of vulnerable areas such as loading bays, piping, electrical switch boxes and support pillars.

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Storage and Waste Zones: Thoroughly clean storage rooms, loading dock areas, dumpster enclosures and remove any signs of nesting, debris or spilled food.

Y E A R L Y E V A L U A T I O N S

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Waste Management Review: Service or replace dumpsters as needed. Evaluate the overall waste disposal system, including frequency of collection, container sizes and location.

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Contract and Site Review: Collaborate with your pest management provider to review past activity, update treatment strategies and refine site protections.

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Comprehensive Site Survey: For ongoing or recent rodent sightings, conduct a detailed assessment with your pest control provider to identify and address new risk zones and potential entry points.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY & SOLUTIONS



InnoSight Rodent AI Monitor: A smart surveillance system employing advanced AI for real-time detection, ensuring intelligent rodent watch with unmatched efficiency.



InnoTrap Precision Sensor: A cutting-edge trap sensor delivering reliable, precise detection to effectively capture rodents using innovative tech for modern pest control.



InnoHeat Thermal Vision: An advanced thermal camera providing invisible intruder alert by detecting heat signatures, ensuring proactive rodent identification in any environment.

Important Notes:

- **Documentation:** Maintain a detailed log of all inspections, findings and corrective actions taken.
- **Training:** Provide regular training to all supermarket staff on rodent awareness, prevention practices and reporting procedures.
- **Professional Assistance:** Partner with a qualified pest control company for ongoing monitoring, treatment and expert advice.
- **Compliance:** Ensure all rodent control practices comply with local health and safety regulations.

Contact Innovative Pest Management at (65) 6909 0988 to speak to our pest control specialists. This checklist aims to help supermarkets implement the document checklist to achieve and maintain a pest-free commercial environment. By staying organised and contacting pest control at Innovative Pest Management you are ensuring a clean environment.