

- Allow drainage to pass under the floors of seating areas. Dining structures must not block rainwater drainage getting to the curb or flowing along the curb.
- Construct top-side hinged trap doors in the platform of the structure to allow for easier inspection.
- Leave walls open between the studs for a height of roughly 16 inches.
- If burrow holes are present in planters around the structure, empty the containers of all soil and rat nesting material and replace with a water-filled anchor or barrier.
- Make sure you or your staff always wear water-resistant gloves and wash hands frequently when handling soil or materials that may be contaminated with rodent urine and droppings. Provide staff with these gloves.

Resources

- For more information on pest prevention in restaurants:
 - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/business/permits-and-licenses/rats-business-owner.page>
- For free training on rat prevention and management:
 - Rat Information Portal: [nyc.gov/rats](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page)
 - Rat Academy Training:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page>
- Learn more about Open Restaurants:
 - [nyc.gov/openrestaurants](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page)