

Building Your Pest Control Plan

If you want to have open-air dining, the rules require that a pest control plan be approved by the local health department prior to operation in this manner (OAR 333-150-0000, Chapter 6-202.15). The guidelines/questions below will help you to develop a pest control plan for your facility as well as start the discussion process with your local health department.

- 1. Create a diagram to show how you will be opening up your facility to provide an open air dining experience.
- 2. How you will be protecting your food preparation and storage areas when the facility has areas open to the outside environment? For example, use of air curtains, fans, screens, etc...
- 3. Have you designated someone to be responsible for routinely monitoring areas open to the outside when your facility is operating in this manner?
- 4. Do you have an inspection checklist that your designated worker will be using while monitoring areas open to the outside environment, including how often they will be assessing the area?
- 5. What is your cleaning schedule and how it will eliminate sources of food and shelter for pests? Do you have a cleaning schedule or checklist that employees will use for the areas open to the outside?
- 6. What action will be taken if you do find pests in your facility? You must be able to close all the openings until the pests are removed.
- 7. Do you have a pest management professional on contract? If so, provide their name and phone number to your local health department.