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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

# Food Businesses **MUST** Comply with New Rule to Fight Rats

As of August 1, 2023, food-related businesses that place trash out for collection **must use** lidded containers. Your waste is rat food — lock it up to keep them away.

Restaurants, grocery stores, delis, bodegas, caterers or other businesses that sell or handle food must comply.

Containers can be kept inside, outside along the building, or within three feet of the building line. Containers may be set out after 8 p.m. or an hour before closing. Ask your private carter what type of container they recommend, however, it **MUST** have a secure lid to keep rats out!

Your business is our partner in the war on rats. **Use a bin to keep the streets clean and avoid a fine.**



Visit [nyc.gov/UseBins](https://nyc.gov/UseBins), call **311**, or scan to learn more.

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