

Standards for the Award for Excellence



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Compliance with each of the following **standards must be met and maintained for a minimum of six consecutive months prior to the application date.**

Applications for the ***Award for Excellence*** will not be considered for:

- any facility that has been in operation under the current ownership or management for less than six months, nor
- for facilities where the award has been denied or rescinded during the past six months.

1a. Trash Container(s)

- All containers are vermin proof, leak proof, and stored on a non-porous surface.
- The storage area is clean; free from trash (loose or bagged), debris, and discarded items.
- Container lids and doors are closed completely with all trash inside (no overflowing containers).
- The entire storage area is vermin free.
- Odors are confined to the storage container/storage area.

1b. Building Exterior, Parking Lot, Sidewalk and Landscaping

- Building exterior and surrounding areas are clean (no graffiti) and in good repair.
- All areas of the property are free of loose trash, broken glass and other debris.
- Pavement, sidewalks and other surfaces are in good repair. – No large holes or cracks.
- The property is well drained with no standing water present.
- Exterior areas and landscaping are maintained in such a manner that it is easy to monitor for any potential rodent activity (trees/bushes trimmed, grass cut, leaves raked up and removed, etc.).
- The exterior area is well-lit.

2a. Customer Area

- The entire facility is vermin free.
- All floors, walls and ceilings are clean and in good repair.
- Tables, chairs, counters and all other items are clean and in good repair.
- Adequate/appropriate lighting is provided.

2b. Restrooms

- All equipment, floors, walls, and ceilings are clean and in good repair.
- All hand sinks are provided with hot and cold water, stocked at all times with soap, paper towels/electric hand dryers, and a trash container.
- Adequate lighting is provided.
- Adequate ventilation is provided and maintained to quickly remove odors.
- All fixtures are in good repair and maintained with no leaks.