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# What Waiters Want You to Know About Outdoor Dining

## Be clear

Yassaira Torres, a server at New York City's [Merchants NY](#), wishes customers would be as clear as possible with their servers so that you're not wasting their time and making the process as efficient as possible. "Let your server know, when they first approach you, if you would like time to read through the menu...or ask your questions, so that when they return they are ready to either take your order or have the answers you need," she says. "Be thoughtful if you are not ready to order [and] do not hold up the staff." You want to spend as little time with less than six feet of distance between you and your server as possible.