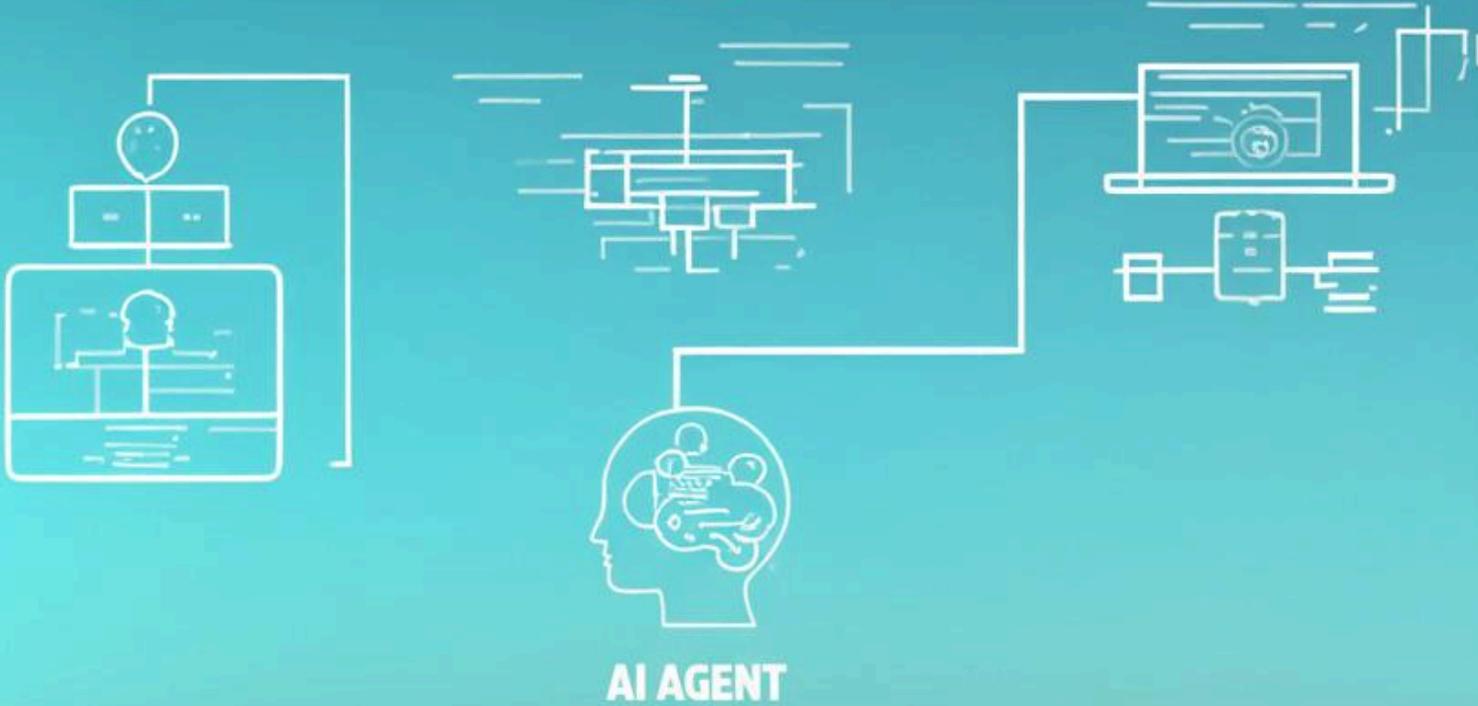# 2026 AI Restaurant Growth Checklist

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The 2026 Restaurant Growth Checklist:
5 Minutes to Find Your Missing Revenue

In 2026, the gap between a "surviving" kitchen and a "thriving" one isn't just about the food, it's about Digital Momentum. You've survived the pivots, the inflation spikes, and the third-party app wars. But while you're focused on the line, your digital storefront might be leaking the very profit you're working so hard to earn.

This 5-minute audit is designed to help you stop from missing out on revenue from AI recommendations. We've distilled the strategies that generated over $10M+ in revenue for our clients into a high-speed "Pre-Shift" checklist. Whether you're a local pizzeria or a high-volume caterer, these 9 checkpoints are the difference between "just making it" and owning your local market.

Section 1: The "Front of House" (Digital Impression)

- ☐ **Google Business Profile:** Are your hours updated, and have you responded to at least 3 reviews this week? AI checks for signals to make recommendations
- ☐ **The "3-Second" Rule:** Open your site on your phone. Can you find the "Order Now" button without scrolling? (If not, neither can AI).
- ☐ **Visual Hunger:** Does your "Hero" image feature your best-selling dish? Are you photos Alt text updated to help AI reference food in images?

Section 2: The "Back of House" (Technical Foundation)

- ☐ **POS Integration:** Is your online ordering synced directly to your kitchen display (Toast/Square), would an AI crawling the site see new menu items?
- ☐ **Pixel Check:** Did you change POS and website host? Is your Meta/Google Pixel active? (Don't let "window shoppers" leave without a retargeting ad).
- ☐ **The Margin Protector:** Are you incentivizing "Direct Ordering" over third-party apps on your homepage? Can AI see that the best pricing is on the main site?

Section 3: The "Kitchen Rush" (Retention & Loyalty)

- ☐ **The Automated Thank You:** Do customers receive an automated "Welcome" email or SMS within 24 hours of their first order?
- ☐ **Birthday/Anniversary Triggers:** Is your system set up to "Invite them back" automatically before their special dates?
- ☐ **Review Loop:** Do you have a physical QR code at the host stand or in delivery bags specifically for Google Reviews?

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