

U.S. FEDERAL AGENCY SHUTDOWN CONTINGENCY PLANS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With the federal government having entered into a shutdown due to a lapse in appropriations as of Oct. 1, the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) has issued [guidance](#) that agency shutdown contingency plans be hosted on each agency's website, rather than posted on a master list compiled by the White House as previous administrations have done. Below, Thorn Run Partners has compiled a list of government shutdown contingency plans for U.S. federal agencies.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

- On Sept. 24, OMB issued [a brief memorandum](#) to federal agencies with a high-level overview of their plans for a potential government shutdown.
- On Sept. 28, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued a [memo](#) entitled "Special Instructions for Agencies Affected by a Possible Lapse in Appropriations." They also issued human-resources focused [guidance for furlough workers](#).
- Rep. Bryan Steil (R-WI), chair of the House Administration Committee, [released guidance](#) pertaining to operations of the House during a potential government shutdown.
- Senate leadership also [released guidance](#) on their operations during a shutdown hours before the funding deadline.

U.S. CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENTS

Agency Shutdown Plan	Date Posted
Department of Agriculture	Sept. 30, 2025
Department of Commerce	Sept. 29, 2025
Department of Defense	Sept. 27, 2025
Department of Education	Sept. 28, 2025
Department of Energy	Dec. 18, 2024
Department of Health & Human Services	Sept. 25, 2025
Department of Homeland Security	Sept. 29, 2025
Department of Housing & Urban Development	Sept. 29, 2025
Department of Justice	Sept. 29, 2025
Department of Labor	Sept. 26, 2025
Department of State	Sept. 29, 2025

<u>Department of the Interior</u> (by bureau)	Sept. 2025
<u>Department of Transportation</u>	Sept. 30, 2025
<u>Department of the Treasury</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>Department of Veterans Affairs</u>	Sept. 2025
<u>Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)</u>	Sept. 26, 2025
<u>Small Business Administration (SBA)</u>	Sept. 29, 2025

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) AGENCIES

Agency Shutdown Plan	Date Posted
<u>Administration for Children and Families (ACF)</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)</u>	Sept. 25, 2025
<u>Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)</u>	Sept. 25, 2025
<u>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)</u>	Sept. 25, 2025
<u>Food & Drug Administration (FDA)</u>	Sept. 25, 2025
<u>Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)</u>	Sept. 25, 2025
<u>Indian Health Service (IHS)</u>	Sept. 25, 2025
<u>National Institutes of Health (NIH)</u>	Sept. 25, 2025
<u>Office of the HHS Secretary</u>	Sept. 25, 2025
<u>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)</u>	Sept. 25, 2025

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES & REGULATORS

Agency Shutdown Plan	Date Posted
<u>Army Corps of Engineers</u>	Sept. 26, 2025
<u>Economic Development Administration (EDA)</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>Federal Communications Commission (FCC)</u>	Sept. 30, 2025
<u>Federal Elections Commission (FEC)</u>	Sept. 30, 2025
<u>Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)</u>	Sept. 30, 2025
<u>Federal Trade Commission</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>General Services Administration (GSA)</u>	Sept. 30, 2025
<u>Internal Revenue Service</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>Library of Congress</u>	Sept. 29, 2025

<u>National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOOA)</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>National Science Foundation (NSF)</u>	Sept. 22, 2025
<u>Office of Personnel Management (OPM)</u>	Sept. 25, 2025
<u>Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)</u>	Aug. 7, 2025
<u>Social Security Administration (SSA)</u>	Sept. 24, 2025
<u>Surface Transportation Board (STB)</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>U.S. Postal Service</u>	Sept. 25, 2025
<u>United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission</u>	Sept. 9, 2025
<u>United States Holocaust Memorial Museum</u>	Sept. 22, 2025
<u>Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission</u>	Sept. 29, 2025
<u>National Council on Disability</u>	Sept. 29, 2025