

# What Happens If the Federal Government Enters a Shutdown?

With less than two legislative days remaining for federal policymakers to find consensus on a solution for funding the government past the deadline of September 30th, there are growing concerns that the federal government will be forced to shut down until lawmakers can reach an agreement on a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) or a longer-term appropriations package.

As the landscape in DC remains uncertain, check out our latest analysis to understand what will be impacted if the government shuts down.



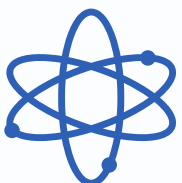
**Federal Furloughs:** Most government employees are likely to be furloughed or to work without pay, but they'll get back pay once the shutdown ends.

**Travel Impacts:** There will be a shortage of air traffic controllers, resulting in significant delays and longer flight wait times.



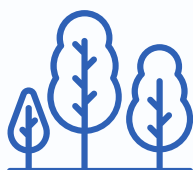
**Safety:** Agencies of jurisdiction will have to delay inspections of food, water, workplaces, and air clarity because of constraints.

**Contract Delays:** Contracts awarded before shutdown will continue, but contractor payments may be delayed and renewals won't be awarded.



**Scientific Research:** Research conducted by NASA and NSF would cease because of funding and personnel restrictions.

**National Parks:** While NPS is unable to provide visitor services during a shutdown, parks could potentially be kept "open" but it remains unclear.



## Shutdown Guidance from Federal Agencies

OMB has directed agencies to publish comprehensive guidance on their plans should a shutdown occur. See below for details on what to expect:

- [Department of Agriculture](#)
- [Department of Commerce](#)
- [Department of Defense](#)
- [Department of Education](#)
- [Department of Energy](#)
- [Department of Health & Human Services](#)
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