

GETTING YOUR BARN READY FOR WINTER

HERE ARE SEVEN THINGS TO HELP YOU MAKE SURE YOUR BARN IS READY FOR WINTER:

1. HEATERS

Blow out any dust or debris that may have accumulated over the summer. Check the igniters, switches and flame sensors and clean off any buildup.

2. CURTAINS

Check your curtains for holes or tears, and patch or replace as necessary. Go over the storm ropes to see if any should be tightened or replaced. Make sure everything has a good seal before winter arrives.

3. SOFFITS AND DOORS

If you close your soffits during the winter to keep snow and cold air from getting in, now is a great time to make sure they're ready to seal up when the weather arrives.

4. SHUTTERS

If you have winter shutter covers for your fans, it's time to locate those and get them ready to be installed when you need them.

PRO TIP:

Now is a good time to make sure you have the necessary spare parts on hand. Don't get caught in the cold or a snow storm without the switches, sensors or even gas you need.



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5. INSULATION

Check insulation depth and location, and make sure insulation has not blown away from the area closest to the sidewalls. Replace or redistribute as necessary.

6. WATERING AND FEEDING SYSTEMS

Water and feed systems should consistently be checked to make sure everything is in good working order. Changes in the weather have an impact on all your processes, so give them a little extra attention as you look over the rest of the operation.

7. BACK UP GENERATORS

Make sure your back up generators are ready. If you aren't already doing regular generator checks, heading into winter is an important time to get everything tuned up and ready to start and run if needed.

A QUICK TIP ON COOL CELLS:

Before it gets cold, make sure you get your cool cells drained and the pumps cleaned up and stored away. In some areas, they may be just fine, but in areas that see low temps in the winter months, make this a priority.



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