

Urgent Weather Message from ArborGen

From January 23 - January 27, 2026, it is predicted that much of the US Southeast will experience an extreme winter storm, with lower than average temperatures.

Forecasts indicate that a significant winter storm is expected to impact **much of the U.S. Southeast**, bringing **prolonged periods of below-freezing temperatures** across many planting regions.

In several areas, **daytime highs are expected to remain at or below freezing**, which significantly increases the risk of seedling freeze injury. It is important to note that **the duration of the cold is just as dangerous as the low temperatures themselves**. Extended exposure to freezing conditions — even without extreme overnight lows — can cause serious damage to both bareroot and containerized seedlings.

If you are planting during this period, we strongly encourage **extreme caution** and recommend **avoiding planting altogether** when:

- Overnight temperatures are projected to fall below **25°F**, or
- Daytime temperatures are not expected to rise above freezing.

Additional Considerations to Protect Seedling Health

- Do **not** transport seedlings in open-air trailers during below-freezing temperatures
- Do **not** leave seedlings onsite overnight when freezing conditions are expected
- Minimize exposure to wind, especially during freezing temperatures
- Do **not** plant while the ground remains frozen
- If planting must occur, delay hand-planting until temperatures rise above freezing in the morning

For more detailed guidance, please download our **Seedling Care & Planting Guide** using the button below.

Our Commitment to Your Success

At ArborGen, our partnership with customers doesn't end when you leave the nursery. Your success throughout the planting season is our priority, and sharing timely guidance like this is one way we work alongside you to help protect your investment and support the long-term performance of your stand.

If you have questions or need support determining the best course of action for your site, please contact your **Reforestation Advisor or ArborGen Nursery Manager**. We're here to help you navigate challenging conditions and ensure your planting season is set up for success.

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