

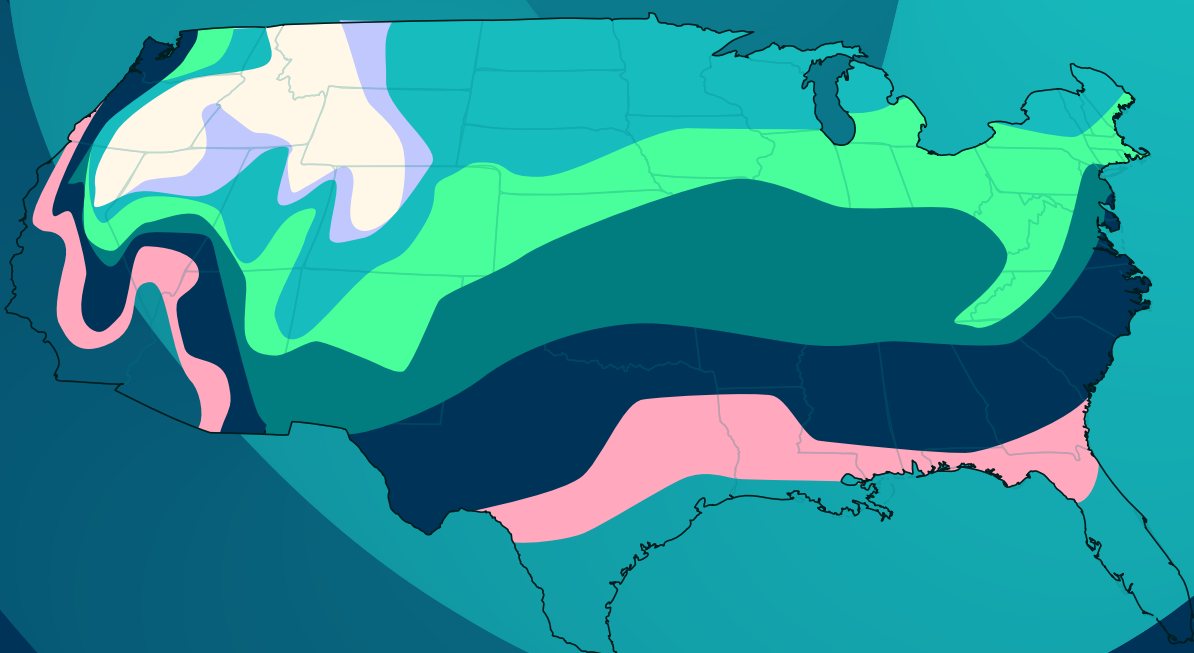
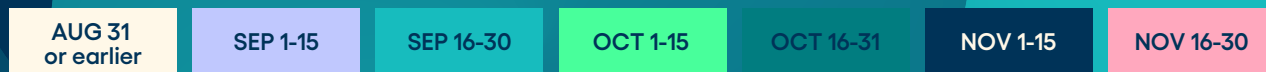
Winter is Coming

Are your facilities ready?

With tight budgets and staffing issues it can be easy to put off critical preventive maintenance to protect your assets. Early to mid-September is when the first freeze happens across the north and midwest.¹



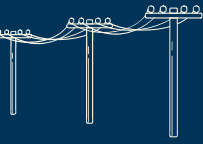


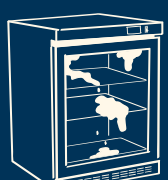




Average first freeze



If you don't winterize, your facilities are at risk

Taking preventive measures before freezing temperatures hit will protect your organization from²:

 Wasted energy and high electric bills	 Freezing and leaking pipes	 Damaged equipment	 Poor indoor air quality
 Bugs and rodents	 Mold and bacteria	 Code violation	 Flooding

Follow these 6 steps to be prepared

 <p>1 Set a temperature</p> <p>Decide on a consistent daytime and nighttime temperature for your facility</p>	 <p>2 Take care of your trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep trees and shrubbery healthy and pruned Consider mulching around the base of trees Ensure branches can't fall on equipment or machinery 	 <p>3 Prepare your irrigation system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep your sprinkler system before the first freeze Drain the pumps Turn the system off Equip the backflow valves with a blowout fitting
 <p>4 Clean vents and chimneys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace your air filters Clear out chimneys and ductwork If your boiler or heater is more than 15 years old, get it inspected 	 <p>5 Winterize outdoor HVAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean exterior of unit Weed out any plants or vegetation growing near or on the equipment Remove any items stored up against the unit Clean any gutters positioned overhead to prevent water dripping 	 <p>6 Clean and clear air vents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean and service louvers Inspect all supply vents and return air grills Remove any furniture or items that are on or against vents Clean all vent and register covers

Enjoy a more Brightly winter

Brightly Asset Essentials™ helps you leverage the power of preventive and predictive maintenance, using prescriptive analytics to bring your data into action to protect your business against the unexpected.

5–20%

Operations and maintenance improvements in water and energy efficiency can save **5 to 20 percent on energy bills** without major capital investment.

30–50%

A smart building with integrated systems can realize **energy savings of 30 to 50 percent**.

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Sources

- Here's when to expect the first freeze of the season
- Why winterization is important for health and safety