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Follow these 6 steps to be prepared

1. **Set a temperature**
   - Decide on a consistent daytime and nighttime temperature for your facility

2. **Take care of your trees**
   - Keep trees and shrubbery healthy and pruned
   - Ensure branches can’t fall on equipment or machinery

3. **Prepare your irrigation system**
   - Drain the pumps
   - Turn the system off
   - Equip the backflow valves with a blowout fitting

4. **Clean vents and chimneys**
   - Replace your air filters
   - Clear out chimneys and ductwork

5. **Winterize outdoor HVAC**
   - Clean exterior of unit
   - Weed out any plants or vegetation growing near or on the equipment
   - Clean any gutters positioned overhead to prevent water dripping

6. **Clean and clear air vents**
   - 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

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**Sources**
- 1. Here’s when to expect the first freeze of the season.
- 2. Why winterization is important for health and safety

**Average first freeze**

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

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

**Winter is Coming**

Are your facilities ready?

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

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