

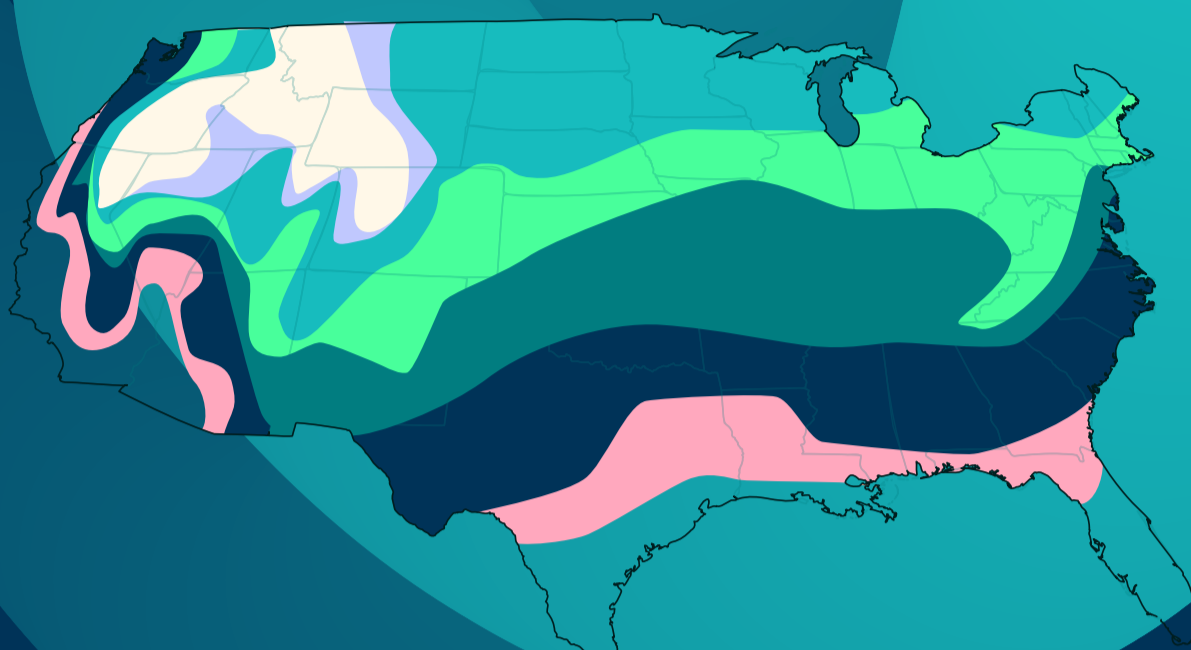
Winter is Coming



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

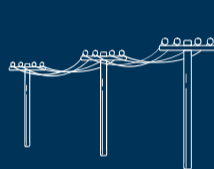
Taking preventive measures before freezing temperatures hit will protect your organization from²:



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



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
- Consider mulching around the base of trees
- Ensure branches can't fall on equipment or machinery



3 Prepare your irrigation system

- Prep your sprinkler system before the first freeze
- 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
- If your boiler or heater is more than 15 years old, get it inspected



5 Winterize outdoor HVAC

- 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



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

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**.

Want to learn more? [Schedule a call with a Brightly expert today →](#)

Sources

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

Brightly Software, a Siemens company, enables organizations to manage the entire lifecycle of their assets, facilities and infrastructure. As the global leader in intelligent asset management solutions for more than 25 years, Brightly's sophisticated cloud-based platform is expertly designed to improve capital planning through smarter, data-driven decision making, empower technicians to predict, prioritize and manage preventative maintenance activities, and support organizations to achieve sustainability, compliance and efficiency goals. Combined with award-winning training, legendary support and optimized services, more than 12,000 clients worldwide depend on Brightly to manage their teams, operations and strategic planning initiatives. For more information, visit brightlysoftware.com.