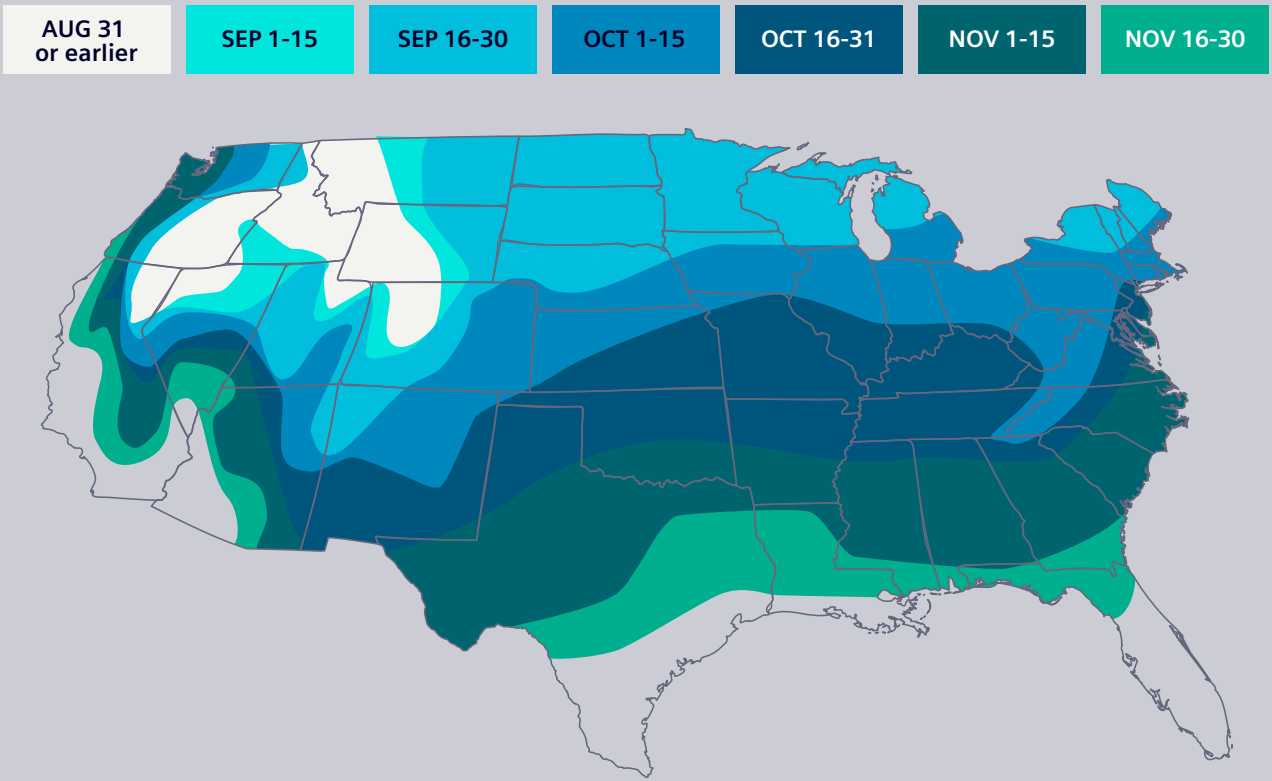


Winter is coming: Are your facilities ready?

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 violations
- 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 comfortable winter

[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 one of our experts today.

Sources

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

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