

Shoulder Months – Cooling to Heating Transition

We have entered into the shoulder months for heating/cooling; the months whose temperatures range between 40 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Cooler mornings followed by warmer afternoons make maintaining temperature comfort in our facilities a challenge. Even if you are in a facility with air conditioning, the campus operates on a dual system which means our systems are either in heating mode or cooling mode; but not both. Currently, we are still in the “cooling” season but we will start to switch to heating mode on 21 Sept.

Consequently, during these shoulder months, there will be days when your office/room temperature is not as cool or hot as you want it to be. Most days, the outside temperature in the morning will be cooler than the temperature in your buildings so if you are warm, we recommended you open your windows, if you can, to help bring additional cooler outside air into your areas for additional comfort.

We understand that at times this may be uncomfortable but we ask for your patience during these New England shoulder months and this switch-over. Facilities will start this switch over in the Residence Halls, then move to heating the Science Buildings, followed by the Academic Buildings. The complete switch-over will likely take a month to fully complete.

For building temperature standards or energy conservation policies, please visit the Office of Sustainability webpage at: <https://www.brandeis.edu/sustainability/what-we-do/energy-management-policy/index.html>

Should you feel there is an issue with your heating system, please submit a service request on the Brandeis Facilities Services website, <https://www.brandeis.edu/facilities/>