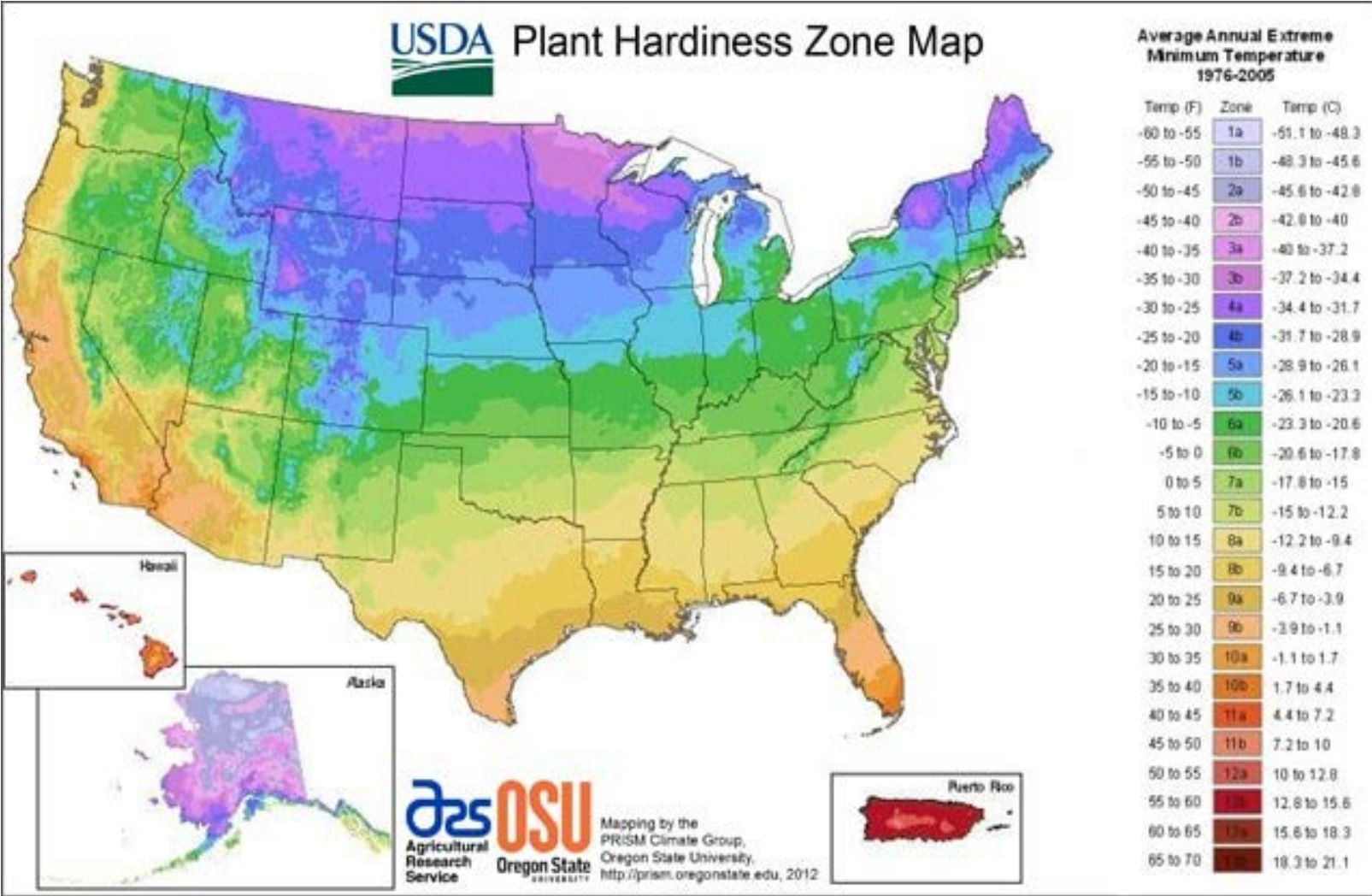
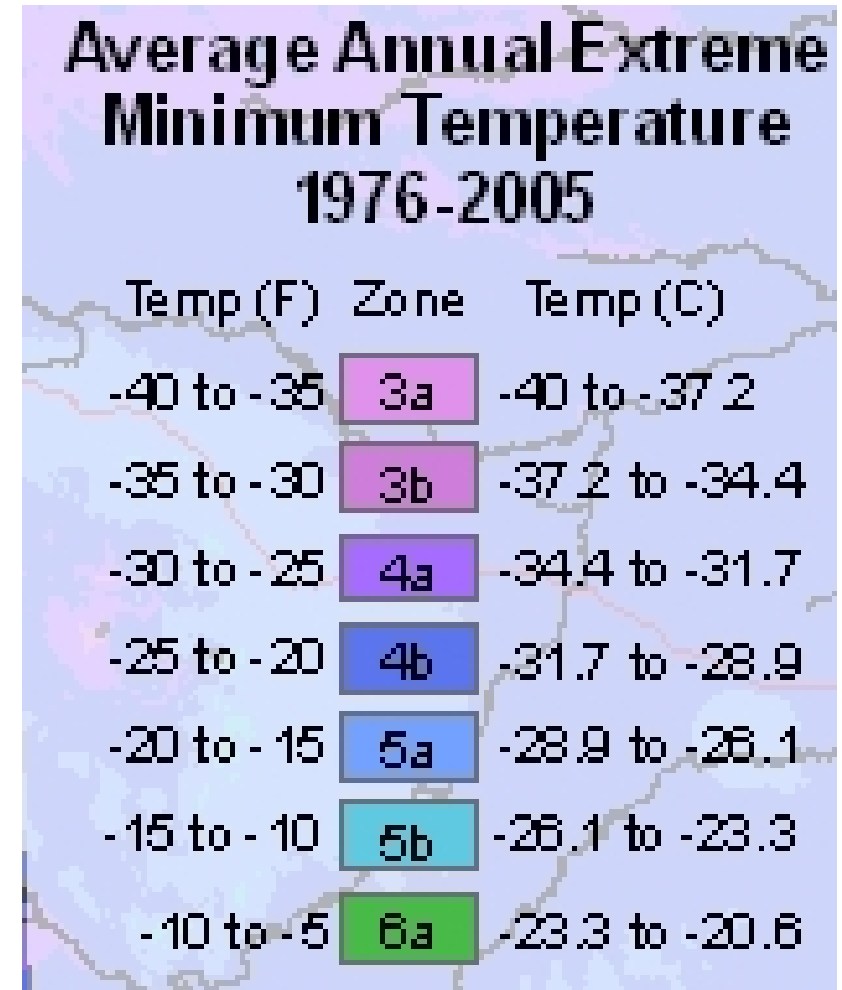
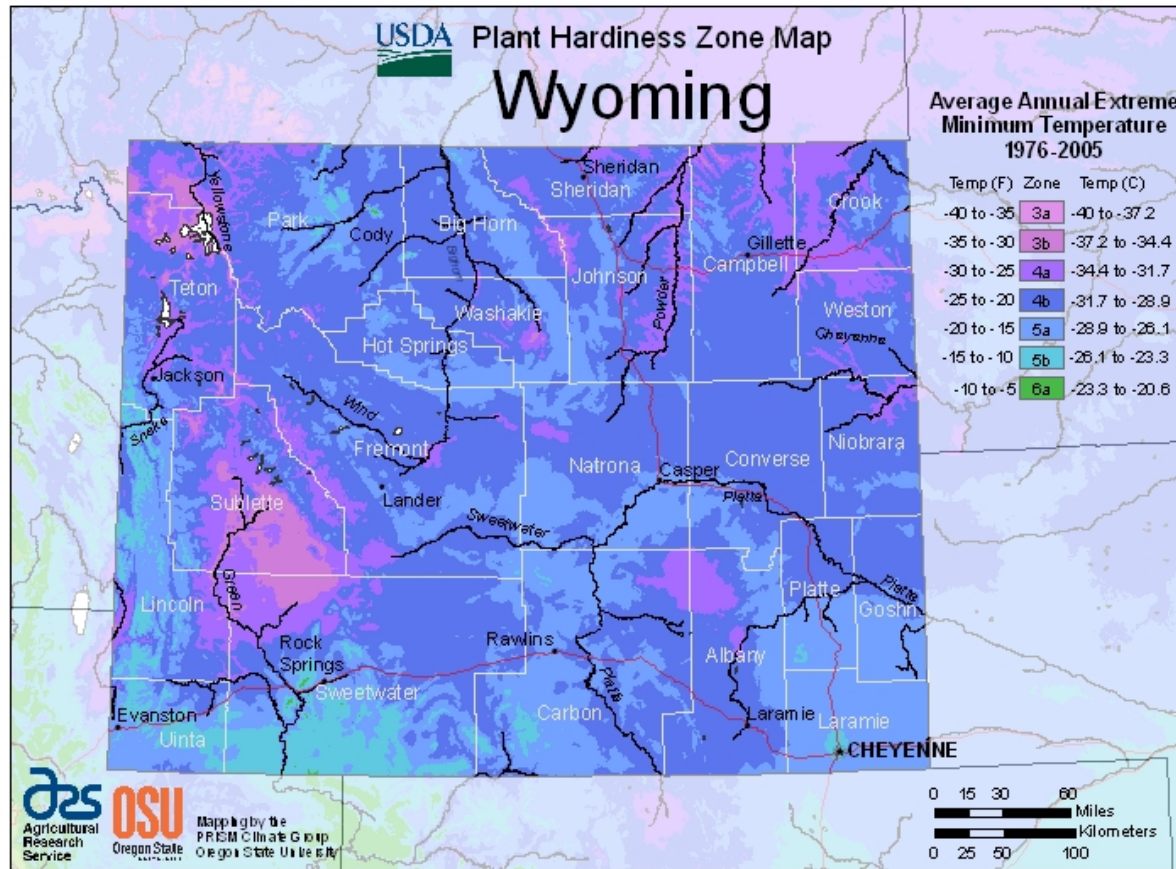


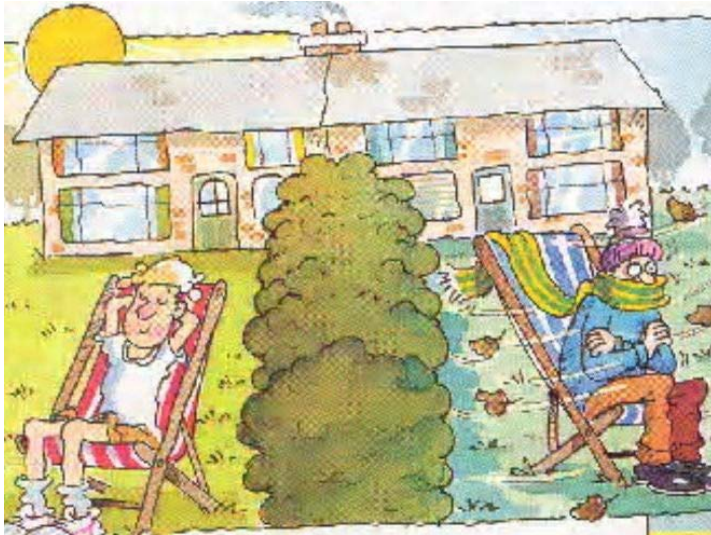
The map divides North America into 11 separate zones, plus a and b sub-zones. The map is based on the average annual minimum winter temperature, divided into 10-degree F zones.



Selecting the Right Plants For your zone



MICROCLIMATES



Microclimate-The climate of a small area within a larger climate area.

For example, a backyard can have a climate different from that of the surrounding neighborhood, or there may be climate differences within a backyard.

Microclimates can influence plant growth and should be considered in plant selection and care. Each site will be unique with different zones through-out it. Each side of a structure will be different. Wind direction, topography, snow drifting, and windbreaks can all affect the microclimates.

What Are Three Things That Can Create Microclimates? Topography, large bodies of water and urban areas are **three things that can create microclimates** on a large scale. Small-scale **microclimates** are **created** by items such as houses, fences, rocks, ponds, raised beds, soil types and paved surfaces.



