

How to build a backyard rink

Interested in making a backyard skating rink this winter? Follow these tips from the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association to make your do-it-yourself rink a success:



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Ensure there is **enough space** to suit the needs of the rink, including width and depth.

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Create the **frame using a tarp** – while a tarp is not required, it speeds up the process.

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Ensure the **ground is level**.

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Build in layers – **spray water** and **let it freeze**, then repeat. The water should level out the surface.

A few consecutive days **below -8 C**, overcast skies and no rain or snow are ideal for building an ice rink.

To maintain your rink, **keep it free from snow**. Freezing rain and slush freeze differently and will result in an unpleasant skating surface.

If this occurs, the rink can be smoothed out by scraping or flooding it with more water to level it out.

Consider adding a **layer of water each evening** after use to smooth and level out the surface.