



## LATEST NEWS

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Skating is a very popular winter activity in Quebec. Our municipal skating rinks allow residents to stay active and enjoy the outdoors during the winter.

However, climate change has a significant impact on the possibility of practicing this activity. Frequent and significant variations in weather conditions and reduced frost period affect the quality of the ice and often completely prevent preparation. Our teams make sure to prepare the ice rinks so that they are operational as soon as the weather allows.

The Public Works Department plans on starting the preparation of the ice this **Thursday, January 10**, with a target date of **Monday, January 14** for public use. These forecasts are, however, subject to change due to weather conditions.

### Info-Rinks Tab

To find out if an ice rink is open or not, check the [Info-Rinks](#) tab on our website. Updates are posted at 9 am every day; however, if conditions change significantly during the day, a second update may be published later.

## Conditions and Steps Required for Preparing an Outdoor Skating Rink

### Weather Conditions

- A layer of snow must line the ground
- The outside temperature should be at most -8 °C during the day and be below -15 °C at night
- This temperature must be maintained for at least 5 consecutive days

### Main steps

- Installing borders or strips
- Preparation of a 5 cm compacted snow base
- Hardening period
- Watering and surface work
- Repetition of the watering operations until reaching an ice thickness of about 10 cm
- Repairing cracks caused by temperature variation

Following the watering step, it is important to wait for the surface to freeze properly before skating. It is important not to venture onto rinks before they are ready, as the weight of the individuals on the forming ice could affect the condition of the ice surface.



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