

Ice Rink Info

Rink Locations: Our goal is to have 3 good quality ice rinks at parks where there are warming shelters.

- **WHY ONLY 3** – We have limited resources to spend on the water, manpower and equipment required to build and maintain the rinks. If we try to build more, the cost will increase and the quality will decrease, because we can't spend the appropriate amount of time on each rink.
- **WHY NOT DOTY (or any other park)** – The rinks get used more often when there is a warming shelter and restrooms available.

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- **BUILDING RINKS** – The best conditions to build ice are when there is at least 2 inches of frost in the ground and the temperature is below 17 degrees. With too little frost and if the temperature is warmer than 17, applying water can actually draw the frost out of the ground.

We use a water tank truck to apply the water because it is the most cost effective method.
- **MAINTAINING RINKS** – We try to scrape the rinks daily to clean off snow or other debris and to remove any bumps or other surface deformities so we can maintain a safe and smooth skating surface. Occasionally, we may broom the rinks to prepare rink for a smooth finish. We add water when it is cold enough, preferably below 25 degrees.

Rink Season: The weather determines the season. We try to have rinks ready for the Christmas break when kids are out of school. If the weather cooperates, we can usually maintain good ice through Valentine's Day. However, as the earth's northern hemisphere begins to tilt back towards the sun in February, ice rinks are difficult to maintain because of the intensity of the sun's rays.