

How To Build a Backyard Ice Rink

So you want to build an Outdoor Ice Rink. Well with some planning, a few supplies and a little work you will be the envy of the neighborhood and who knows you may have the next Wayne Gretzky or Jennifer Robinson in the family.

- Start by deciding where you want to locate your ice rink, preferably a level spot. If there is a slope you can use taller framing boards in that spot.
- Frame the perimeter with 2 x 6 boards fastened with metal framing plates or Mending Plates for support.
- To make the perimeter strong enough use landscaping stakes or rebar pounded into the ground to support boards.
- You will need to purchase a woven vinyl rink liner that is large enough to cover the rink plus cover the boards on all sides.
- Your liner should be laid out a day or two before the temperature drops to freezing.
- Make sure there are no leaves or debris on the liner as they will create a soft spot in the ice.
- Fill with 1" to 2" of water at a time allowing each layer to freeze before adding next layer.
- Once you have reached the desired base thickness of ice, about 3 to 4 inches you now want to apply smaller amounts of water just enough to wet the ice. This may take a few applications but it will create a smooth skating surface.
- Lastly all there is to do is flooding your ice rink every now and then, especial after a big hockey game

Material Needed

- Ice rink liner
- 2 x 6 Boards
- Framing or mending Plates
- Stakes or Rebar
- Garden Hose

NOW PUT YOUR SKATE ON, GRAB YOUR HOCKEY STICK AND ENJOY!