



OUTDOOR PUBLIC SKATING IN READING



During the winter months, the Department of Public Works (DPW) will open three outdoor public skating rinks at [STURGES PARK](#), [MEMORIAL PARK](#) and [CASTINE FIELD](#). Once the rinks open officially, all skating rinks will be illuminated from approximately 4:30 PM – 10:00 PM each night until the end of the winter. So, grab your skates and come on down. Parents should accompany younger children to the rinks. Everyone should use the buddy system!

As always, outdoor public skating is free!!

Here are a few tips:

- Always remember that ice-covered water is never completely safe.
- Always go out with friends and let others know when you will be on the ice and when you will return.
- Understand wind chill factors are relative temperature guides.
- Carry a whistle or other noisemaker to alert people if you are in distress.
- Dress in layers and add extra clothing for the head, neck, sides, and groin, which are the primary heat-loss areas.

Finally, we would like to remind you to always be cautious when ice skating.

We would like to wish you a happy and safe skating season from the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Recreation Division!

