

11 zero-cost ways to reduce your rink's utility bill

1. Post reminders by each light switch to encourage users to turn off lights and ensure outdoor lights are turned off during daylight hours.
2. If there is no scheduled activity for a half-hour or more, turn off the lights over the ice rink area.
3. Turn off the breaker that controls the parking lot plug-ins when the temperature is warmer than -15°C.
4. Post the rink's monthly utility bill totals on a bulletin board for all to see! Understanding what it costs to operate the rink can encourage everyone to take steps to conserve resources.
5. Consider a bonus structure for your rink staff based on finding and implementing ways to reduce utility bills.
6. Get creative! Hold a rink energy efficiency poster competition with local school children. Display the posters at the rink.
7. If your community allows, dump ice shavings outdoors.
8. Level sand base before making ice. This helps provide a consistent ice thickness.
9. Ensure clean concrete surface before making ice.
10. Mark a one-inch ice thickness line on the rink boards to help maintain ideal ice thickness.
11. Reduce the ice flood water temperature from 160°F to 130°F (71°C to 54°C).



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