

Oradell Skating Pond

There are recommended thickness measurements for the safety of ice that helps to establish when activity can be undertaken. In order to have this thickness, the outdoor temperature must be below 20-25 degrees for 5 straight days. Ice begins to be “safe” at around 4-6 inches thickness. Do not even walk on ice 3 inches or less in thickness. However, even at 9-10 inches thickness, there may be unforeseen hazards such as flowing current underneath that is ceaselessly weakening the underside of the ice. In this instance, even the thickness is not a good indicator of safety, as the ice could collapse at any time.

In general, the rule for ice thickness measurements are:

- 3” (7cm) (new ice) - **KEEP OFF**
- 4” (10cm)- suitable for ice fishing, cross-country skiing or walking (approx. 200 lbs.)
- 8-12” (20-30cm) suitable for group of people (approx. 1500—2000 lbs.)

Presence of snow on the ice: snow can warm up the ice because it acts as an insulator; ice under snow is generally thinner and weaker than ice without snow.

PLEASE BE SURE TO NOT GO ON THE SKATING POND UNTIL
THE BOROUGH ANNOUNCES THAT IT IS SAFE!!!!

WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN TO BE SURE SKATING
CAN HAPPEN SAFELY—AND NOW IF MOTHER NATURE
WOULD ONLY COOPERATE!!

