

# USA Curling Ice Tech Education: Ice Install

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# How to Begin?

- Install begins with proper shutdown for the previous season and maintenance over the summer
- As the curling season approaches, ensure equipment is in good order and materials have been purchased



# Install Recommendations

- Start with lots of light floods
  - Freeze faster
  - Build thickness more quickly
  - Lumpy ice is ok...for now
- Ice should be cold when sealing
  - Warm ice leads to lifting/bleeding paint and moving lines
  - Ice should be cold enough to freeze sealing sprays quickly
  - "Seal too much, then three more times"



# Preparing for the next install

- Have a plan for summer maintenance
  - Send blades for sharpening
  - Schedule chiller checkup and maintenance
  - Order materials needed for install and ice house maintenance (light bulbs, paint, ribbon, decals, etc.)
  - Periodically check water-related equipment for function (and mold) in the off months
- Ensure equipment is clean and dry for storage over the summer
- Loosen handles and store rocks



Questions?

