

17 FUN

GAMES/ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & DOGS



TO TRY THIS WINTER

SNOW BOWLING ALLEY

- What you need: A soft foam ball
- Set it up: Roll 6–10 snow “pins” and line them up like a tiny winter bowling alley.
- How to play: Take turns rolling the ball and seeing who can get the most strikes.
- Why it’s awesome: Big fun, small footsteps, and it spreads action around the yard.

PAINT-THE-SNOW ART WALK

- What you need: Spray bottles + water + a few drops of food coloring
- Set it up: Fill bottles with your winter rainbow.
- How to play: Kids wander the yard painting masterpieces on fresh snow.
- Why it’s awesome: Zero digging — just magical color on top of soft snow.

SNOW SCAVENGER LOOP

- What you need: Bright toys, cups, or targets
- Set it up: Place items on top of the snow and mark a simple loop path.
- How to play: Kids follow the loop to find winter treasures.
- Why it’s awesome: No zig-zag trampling — kids follow the loop and stay moving.

SNOW BRICK BUILDERS

- What you need: Loaf pans, bins, or sand molds
- Set it up: Pack snow into molds to create bricks.
- How to play: Build a mini wall, maze, or fort — the snowy version of Legos.
- Why it’s awesome: Everything is built on the snow, not into it.

WINTER FUN CONTINUED

SNOW RING TOSS

- What you need: A stick + soft rings
- Set it up: Push the stick into the snow.
- How to play: Toss rings and cheer for the closest throw.
- Why it's awesome: Almost no movement — just simple, silly fun.

JUMBO SNOW TIC-TAC-TOE

- What you need: Beanbags, pinecones, or sticks
- Set it up: Stomp out a big 9-square grid in fresh snow.
- How to play: Toss markers into squares to claim them.
- Why it's awesome: Move the grid each round = no worn-out patch.

PENGUIN WADDLE RELAY

- What you need: A soft ball
- Set it up: Mark a starting line and a finish line.
- How to play: Kids waddle like penguins with the ball between their knees.
- Why it's awesome: Tons of giggles + quick races = low lawn impact.

GLOW-STICK NIGHT HIKE

- What you need: Glow sticks
- Set it up: Hang glow sticks along a shoveled looped path.
- How to play: Bundle up and enjoy a magical nighttime walk.
- Why it's awesome: Zero lawn stepping — just glowing adventure.

SNOW TARGET TOSS

- What you need: Food-color spray + fluffy snowballs
- Set it up: Spray colored rings onto the snow as targets.
- How to play: Toss only soft snowballs into the rings.
- Why it's awesome: Stationary game = very gentle on your snow cover.

WINTER FUN CONTINUED

SNOW CHEF STATION

- What you need: Tray + pinecones + sticks + winter “ingredients”
- Set it up: Create a little outdoor kitchen zone.
- How to play: Kids invent snowy “recipes” — soups, salads, desserts.
- Why it’s awesome: Stationary imaginative play = super lawn friendly.

SNOW LANTERN LUMINARIAS

- What you need: Snowballs + LED tea lights
- Set it up: Build a mini snowball tower with space for a light.
- How to play: Pop in the LED and enjoy the winter glow.
- Why it’s awesome: Pretty decor without the foot traffic.

FOOTPRINT DETECTIVE

- What you need: Just fresh snow
- Set it up: Stroll along a sidewalk or shoveled path.
- How to play: Spot animal tracks and guess the creature.
- Why it’s awesome: A nature activity that doesn’t touch the lawn at all.

SNOW ANGEL GALLERY

- What you need: Soft, untouched snow
- Set it up: Pick a single clean patch.
- How to play: Step in, make your angel, step out on your own footprints.
- Why it’s awesome: Zero wandering, zero turf stress.

HOT-COCOA DASH

- What you need: Cocoa + cups + a clear walkway
- Set it up: Set up a cocoa station outside.
- How to play: Run a relay using ONLY the shoveled path.
- Why it’s awesome: Pure fun without stepping on the grass.

WINTER FUN CONTINUED

SNOW-MEASURING CREW

- What you need: Ruler + notebook
- Set it up: Choose a designated snow-check spot.
- How to play: Kids measure snow depth and temperature, then report back.
- Why it's awesome: Quick, in-and-out "science job" with barely any steps.

PAW-PRINT PARKOUR (DOG ZOOMIE LANE)

- What you need: Pavers, mulch, or a shoveled lane
- Set it up: Build a dog-friendly racetrack and toy zone.
- How to play: Toss toys only in that lane to keep zoomies contained.
- Why it's awesome: Saves your lawn from chaotic dog sprints.

SNIFFARI SCATTER

- What you need: A handful of kibble
- Set it up: Sprinkle kibble in one patch of snow.
- How to play: Let your dog "hunt" for treats.
- Why it's awesome: Move the sniff spot each time to gently spread wear.

Pro Tips for Every Game:



- **Rotate play areas so one patch doesn't get over-compacted.**
- **Avoid salted driveway/sidewalk edges.**
- **If you can see the grass (bare or frosty), skip stepping on it.**

