



RECREATION CENTER

UM-Flint Rec Center Renovations Frequently Asked Questions

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Why is the Rec Center being renovated?

For multiple reasons. The first is to prepare the space to host home games for varsity basketball & volleyball. The second is to improve and upgrade many aspects of our 44-year-old facility.

[See the full University announcement about Athletics here.](#)

What's being renovated in the Rec Center during the closure?

We hope you are looking forward to seeing these renovations come to life, which will include:

- Air conditioning throughout the *entire* facility
- Wood gym courts with spectator bleachers
- New locker rooms
- True windows around the track, to replace the glass blocks
- Remodeled front counter/lobby area

What's the timeline for all of this?

While exact dates are to be determined (TBD), in the meantime, our *anticipated* timeline is:

- Rec Center closes: TBD - December 2026
- Temporary Space opens: January 4, 2027
- Temporary Space closes: 2 weeks prior to Rec Center reopening
- Rec Center reopens: TBD - August or September 2028

Where is the temporary space located?

Our temporary space will be right next door in the University Center on the former pool deck. The space will be accessible via new doors from the UCen lobby. While this project was not a consideration with the original pool closure in July 2025, it presented the ideal location for our temporary needs due to existing locker room access.

What will be available in the temporary space?

The temporary space in UCen includes a total of 7,300 sq ft of activity space, plus another 2,200 sq ft of locker room & shower space. The following will be available beginning January 2027:

Activity/Equipment	Available
Precor selectorized weight machines	yes
Free weights & benches	yes
Racks & lifting platform	yes
Cardio equipment	yes
Functional fitness equipment	yes
Fitness classrooms	yes
Locker Rooms (Men's & Women's)	yes
Saunas (Men's & Women's)	yes
Inclusive Changing Space	yes
Game Room	no
Track	no
Racquetball/Wallyball	no
Court Sports (basketball, volleyball, badminton, pickleball)	no

What programs will be offered?

Group Fitness classes, private *Personal Training* sessions, and First Aid/CPR classes will take place in a 600 sq ft classroom in the temporary UCen space.

Intramural Sports, like flag football & soccer, will continue to be offered outdoors, while other offerings (such as chess, billiards, golf scramble) will continue in either on or off campus locations. Much like in Fall 2025 when our gym courts were closed, impacted *Club Sports* will practice and compete at off campus facilities.

Will membership rates be changing?

We are currently reviewing membership rates & impacts due to the reduced space availability during renovations. We will reach out to all members once that review is complete.

I need to make changes to my membership and/or locker rental.

To cancel or place your membership on hold, [please fill out this form](#).

- Requests must be made by the 15th of any month, for a cancellation on the 26th of that month (ex: November 15 for a November 26 cancellation).

- Cancellations will be penalty free if received by January 15, 2027. Afterwards, requests will follow standard [cancellation policies](#).

Can I get a refund if I've already pre-paid for my membership?

Members that have pre-paid can request a pro-rated refund due to the upcoming renovations.

You must fill out the [cancellation form to request a refund](#).

- [Additional refund details can be found here](#).
- Please note that rec center staff cannot issue refunds on the spot, so we can best serve you through the above form.

I want to support the future Athletic Department and/or renovation - who can I contact?

The University Advancement office is happy to speak with any individuals or companies that wish to make a gift or donation to this exciting new addition to Flint! You may contact University Advancement at flint.dept.ua@umich.edu or 810-424-5448.

I have another question and need to speak with someone.

- Athletic Department questions: Chris Giordano, giordanc@umich.edu
- Recreation questions: Rec Services staff, reccenter@umich.edu
- Media inquiries: Office of Marketing & Communications (MAC), mac-flint@umich.edu