



## Fishing Tips Update Fall and Early Spring



Here are some key fishing tips for our fall and early spring months and for those that do not have equipment and those of you that already do. Reach out to us if you have any questions or need additional info for any of your fishing experiences!

### Before Heading Out Fishing – Try to have with you:

- Tick Repellent – with DEET over 25% or Picaridin or other natural sources
- Sunscreen – year round if outside for long periods, also over 80% of UV rays will also pass through during cloudy conditions
- Polarized Sunglasses – will enable you to see into the water clearer than without and important for fishing from the banks

### Fishing Conditions Factors

Air temperatures will typically range between 55 and 70 degrees so many fish will be in shallower parts of waterways and with creeks in all areas. As with most elements of fishing, “think like a fish!” Younger and smaller fish are like kids, they sometimes move around all the time and everywhere regardless of temperature! As the weather gets cooler into the fall, fish will start eating more to prepare for the winter months. In the spring as temperatures warm, fish will also start eating more from their winter “lull” time when they do not move as often in order to conserve their body heat.

Regardless of time of year, always try to find any structure in the water – small fish “hide and go seek” and big fish “ambush” from behind structures. Look for trees or branches that may be in sections of the water, lily pads or grasses coming out of the water, cast next to docks, by pier “legs,” and large rocks!

**Buying Rod and Reel Equipment:** If just starting out or having problems with what you have – consider these two rod and reel “Combo” options below and our recommended rod height is 5’6” or 6 ft which is universal for fishing most waters (ponds, lakes, creeks, and rivers):

- Spincast “**Closed Face**” Reel - we recommend combos with the rod and reel being already together (used to be known as beginner reels but now are manufactured better and lines will not tangle as much)
- Spinning “**Open Face**” Reel – widely used but line will tangle more often being open and exposed

### Buying “Terminal Tackle” Equipment:

- Bobbers – we recommend small to med size when not fishing larger waters like a river which reduces water hit impact (no picture)
- Swivels – enables changing hooks and lures – we recommend **size 12** for ponds, creeks, lakes, rivers >>>
- Weights / Split Shots – recommend **removable** ones and size / weight will depend on fish depth pursuit
- Hooks – recommend **size 6** which is universal for all waters and pre-lined – attach higher than hook

### Stretching Your Line Before Fishing: to reduce line tangles

- Buy Real Magic (in all fishing sections of stores, typically on the bottom shelf area – Spray a few times each side of the line on the spool and/or inside Closed Face cover)

**Practice Casting!** in a park, yard area, street, parking lot, etc. with anything of a similar weight to what you will fish with and without a hook on it. Use a bucket or target!

*All fish will eat live worms, but larger fish have a more diverse diet and most fish other than Catfish and Carp like to eat things that are alive and injured which reduces their effort to pursue.*

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