



GEAR UP CHECKLIST



LURES

- ➔ Get rid of dull or rusted hooks.
- ➔ Stock up on important hook sizes.
- ➔ Borrow a swimming pool and make sure your diving lures run perfectly straight.
- ➔ Clean or replace dingy spinnerbait blades.
- ➔ Repaint dinged or chipped lures.



REELS

- ➔ Clean out the levelwind grooves.
- ➔ Lube your reels according to manufacturer specifications.
- ➔ Set the drag for the new line and conditions you'll be fishing.



RODS

- ➔ Make sure your rod guides are not cracked, bent or missing.
- ➔ Clean the reel seats to ensure the reel and rod are well connected with no room for slippage.



LINE

- ➔ Respool with new line.
- ➔ If you don't respool, cut off the first 6 feet of line to get rid of last year's nicks and abrasions.
- ➔ Stock up on spare monofilament, fluorocarbon and braid in a variety of sizes to cover your fishing needs for the year.



TACKLEBAGS/BOXES

- ➔ Organize your tackle so you can find things easily.
- ➔ Keep hooks and terminal tackle away from salty soft plastics.



BOAT/TRAILER

- ➔ Use fresh gasoline and oil.
- ➔ Clean all electrical connections.
- ➔ Top off gas tank and batteries.
- ➔ Check all seals and hoses for leaks.
- ➔ Check livewell and bilge pumps.
- ➔ Ensure that all electronics are working properly.
- ➔ Check connections to all transducers.
- ➔ Break in your new boat according to manufacturer guidelines.
- ➔ Check trailer lights and brakes.



TOW VEHICLE

- ➔ Properly inflate tires.
- ➔ Check tire wear and tread for sure gripping.
- ➔ Be sure the brakes are functioning properly.
- ➔ Get your truck checked out by a qualified mechanic before towing your boat for the first time of the year.



SAFETY

- ➔ Pack a fire extinguisher.
- ➔ Carry a tool box.
- ➔ Check all personal flotation devices.
- ➔ Carry a spare hub and prop.
- ➔ Carry an emergency medical kit.
- ➔ Have spare keys to your tow vehicle and boat.
- ➔ Review state laws for any required safety equipment.
- ➔ Pack toilet paper.



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