

# Fishing Gear Checklist

This fishing checklist covers the basic freshwater fishing essentials.

## Essentials

- Fishing license (16+ in most states)
- State fishing regulations
- Spincasting rod/reel combo (most basic, push-button, closed-faced; best for kids):



Open-Bail Spinning Reel



Closed Spin Casting Reel

\*combos will come with fishing line already on the reels

- Spinning rod/reel combo (open-faced)
- Hooks, Sinkers & Bobbers

Hooks



Sinkers



Bobbers and Floats



- Line cutter (nail clippers work great and are compact)
- Long-nose pliers
- First aid kit
- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent
- Hand towel or wet wipes
- Beverages and snacks



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## Live Bait

Examples of live bait



Cut Bait



Leeches



Doughballs



Minnows



Insects



Freshwater Clams And Mussels



Grubs and Meal Worms







Crayfish

- Bait container
- Jigs



## Artificial Bait

- Small spinner baits 
- Crankbaits or Spoons 
- Top water baits 
- Plastic or rubber worms 

## Nice to Have

- Sunglasses or hat
- Fishing net
- Extra clothing
- Cooler
- Ruler or tape measure
- Bucket or stringer if keeping fish
- Fillet knife if keeping fish
- Camera