

Canadian Fishing Gear Checklist - Quick Start

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Trip Basics

- Target species chosen
- Water type confirmed: shore, boat, kayak, canoe, river, lake, ice, or backcountry
- Season, weather, and expected water temperature checked
- Local regulations and licence path checked
- Safety gear packed before tackle extras

Core Kit

- Rod and reel matched to target fish
- Main line and leader selected
- Hooks, weights, swivels, snaps, and floats packed
- Four to six proven lures matched to depth and water clarity
- Pliers, cutters, measuring tool, landing net, and basic tackle storage packed

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Canadian Fishing Gear Checklist - Rods, Line, Tackle

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Rod and Reel

- Spinning combo for general use
- Species-specific rod if needed: pike, bass, trout, salmon, ice, or panfish
- Reel drag and spool size matched to line and fish size
- Backup spool or spare line packed for remote trips

Line and Leader

- Mono for simplicity or topwater
- Braid for sensitivity and deep water
- Fluorocarbon leader for clear water
- Wire or heavy leader for toothy fish

Tackle

- Jigs, spoons, crankbaits, soft plastics, and terminal tackle organized
- Tackle tray labelled by species or season
- Hooks sharpened or replaced before the trip

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Canadian Fishing Gear Checklist - Safety and Maintenance

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Safety

- PFD or lifejacket for each person on the water
- First aid kit, headlamp, whistle, knife or multitool
- Sun, rain, bug, cold-weather, and bear-aware gear where needed
- Emergency contacts, route, and expected return time shared when remote

Electronics

- Fish finder or flasher charged
- Battery, mount, cables, maps, and waterproof storage checked
- Phone maps or offline notes saved

After The Trip

- Wet gear dried after the trip
- Line checked for nicks and replaced when damaged
- Reel drag tested and cleaned
- Used tackle restocked before the next trip

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