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## Fishing Shopping List

New to fishing? Check out our beginner's shopping list to get the most out of your experience.

Buying equipment for any new hobby can be overwhelming - many stores stock hundreds of rods and reels, dozens of fishing lines, and countless lures, hooks, and everything else. To try to help you navigate this, we've compiled a starting point on some equipment.

Please note that we don't have any affiliation with these brands, they're just what we've found to be effective.

### **General fishing:**

Almost all fish in the lake can be caught with the following tackle:

- Rod and reel - the easiest way to get this is a rod & reel combo. Look for a spinning reel, medium action rod, about 6' long. Ugly Stik and Shimano are both great brands.
- Line - there are many types of line, but the easiest to get used to will be monofilament, about 10 lb test. Berkley Trilene and Spiderwire are great choices.
- Leader - while not necessary, many people fish with leaders. They make changing lures easier, and if you happen to hook a toothy fish, they won't bite through your line. A light leader is more than enough, and brand isn't critical.
- Net - can be very useful for landing fish. Grampa's old net in the garage will do just fine as long as it's not huge or tiny.
- Pliers - needle nose pliers will help you get a hook out of fish, but if the fish has swallowed the hook, it's often better to just cut the line and release the fish as quickly as possible.
- Lures - there are so many to choose from. Follow the guidelines on [viamede.com/fishing](http://viamede.com/fishing). If you just want to sit on the dock and catch whatever swims by, pick up some hooks about 1/2" long, small split shot sinkers, and worms. You can catch bass, perch, sunfish, rock bass, and more on this.

Now, just remember your sunglasses, hat, and water to keep hydrated, and have fun!