



Maintenance Guide

After-Each-Trip

- Rinse: Reel, line, flies (mandatory after salt); pat dry.
- Rod: Wipe sections/ferrules; inspect guides for nicks.
- Flies/Boxes: Open boxes to air-dry; discard rusty hooks.
- Waders/Boots: Hang to dry away from heat; remove gravel guards.

Rod Care

- Ferrules: Clean with dry cloth/isopropyl; paraffin film if sections loosen.
- Transport: Always in a tube; never lean where doors/tailgates close.

Reel Care

- Post-rinse: Back off drag; dry fully.
- Lube: Maker-specified points, light, 2-3x/season (do not over-oil).
- Drag Types: Sealed - do not open; Click-pawl - single drop of oil on paw/post.

Lines / Leaders / Tippet

- Clean: Mild soap + soft cloth; dressing sparingly on floaters.
- Inspect: First 10-15 ft for cracks/coils; trim back if cracked.
- Replace: Leaders after two heavy wind-knots; store tippet away from heat/UV.

Flies & Hooks

- Dry: Thoroughly (boxes open).
- Sharpen: Fine file, three light passes/side.
- Hardware: Replace loose dumbbell eyes/split rings.

Waders & Boots

- Dry: Inside/out; never on direct heat.
- Zippers/Seams: Lube zippers; patch pinholes with Aquaseal.
- Decon (invasives): Freeze 48 hrs or soak in 5% salt solution; then dry fully.

Off-Season Storage

- Rods: In tubes; reels in breathable pouches; drag backed off.
- Lines: Large, loose coils; avoid tight bends.
- Environment: Cool/dry; silica packs in boxes/bags.