

How does your roll cast work for you?

If you are having difficulty with roll casts, here are a few tips that could solve your problem:

PROBLEM	PROBABLE SOLUTION
1. <u>Cast puddles up like spaghetti</u>	Rod tip must travel straight and/or stop must be made earlier
2. <u>Cast does not go very far and/or the leader does not straighten.</u>	D-loop not set up correctly, not enough fly line in the water to provide a good anchor for the cast. Acceleration to a quick stop during this cast is necessary for good distance and presentation.
3. <u>Slight head wind causes cast to collapse or not straighten out.</u>	Roll cast must be made with an elliptical loop, however a roll cast has limitations with a head wind.

Remember the roll cast should be made with the line in a static state before the cast is commenced. If you are casting with a heavy streamer or intermediate sink tip line, two roll casts will likely be required to bring the line up to the top of the water and the pause between casts should be eliminated.

Roll casting with dirty fly line will be more difficult, and the casts will not do well. Cleaning the fly line completely before applying any line dressing is very important.

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