



CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FISHING POLE AGREEMENT FORM

Like other circulating material, fishing poles may be placed on hold and borrowed at any CCPL branch. You may ask Information Desk staff for assistance, or place the item on hold yourself using the library's online catalog. Carroll County Public Library is pleased to offer this service to its customers, courtesy of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Fishing poles must be returned to a branch of Carroll County Public Library during business hours. Fishing poles **CANNOT** be returned in the book drop, or left outside the library. Customer will be responsible for returning the fishing rod to the service desk during regular business hours.
- Fishing poles are checked out for 1 week.
- Borrower must have a library account with Carroll County Public Library.
- Borrower assumes all responsibility of the fishing pole and accessories. The library will not be held liable for any injury due to the fishing pole.
- Borrower understands that if the fishing pole is not returned, he or she will be charged a replacement cost, as outlined below.

COST	ITEM
\$15	Rod/Reel

REMINDER!

Borrowers must follow Maryland State fishing regulations and obtain the proper fishing license, if applicable. Link to this information: <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/>

I, the undersigned, assume all responsibility for the fishing pole and accessories. I further understand that if the fishing pole is not returned intact with the bobber, weight, rod/reel, hook/swivel, or otherwise damaged (except for normal wear and tear) I will be charged a replacement cost as outlined above. I agree with the terms stated above and further agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless the Carroll County Public Library, its trustees, officers, agents and employees from any injuries or damages sustained arising from my use of the issued equipment.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Barcode Number

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ROD LOANER PROGRAM

It is your responsibility to ensure all fishing regulations are followed and any licenses needed are obtained.

Maryland Fish License information

- http://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/service_fishing_license.aspx
- Age 15 and younger do not need a license
- Fish license for age 16 and up are available for 7 days or annually
- Licenses are designated tidal or non-tidal
- Residents 65 and older can purchase a combined tidal/non-tidal annual license for a reduced rate
- Walmart normally sells fish licenses

Maryland Fishing Regulations

- Tidal: <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/chesapeake-bay-seasons-sizes-limits/>
 - Non-tidal: <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/freshwater-seasons-sizes-limits/>
 - Tidal/non-tidal dividing lines: <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/tidalnontidal-dividing-lines/>
- *Bennett Cerf, Carroll County Farm Museum, and Westminster Community Ponds are non-tidal fishing.

Quick Tips

- Carry the rod upright with one hand while using the other hand to hold the line above the hook to prevent injury.
- Do not run with the rod.
- Avoid casting overhead when trees are near.
- Build a circle of safety before casting. Ensure there is a rods' length on either side and behind you before casting.
- Any cut line, hooks, or other trash should be disposed of properly. Don't leave it behind for animals to ingest or for other anglers to be injured.

How to Release Line and Cast

- Hold the rod with the reel above the rod.
- Press and hold the button on the reel. The line should release (may need to shake the rod slightly).
- Release the button and wind the reel lever toward you until about 2 feet of line is remaining free.
- Press and hold the button and swing the rod over the water. The line should flow across the water.
- Release the button in the middle of the cast.
- Reel in the line until the slack is taken up and the bends and kinks of the line disappear.

For More Fishing Information

Free Maryland Youth Fishing Club: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/youth/index.aspx>

Free Fishing Areas and Days: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/free-fishing.aspx>



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