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This actually helps me understand, and makes sense now, as when I cast my 2 wt. in the yard, I generally cast more line than in practical application. No wonder it feels better in my yard than on the stream. I rarely make a 30 ft cast on the stream, so I really think I would benefit from overlining the 2 wt a bit. I will try a 3 and 4 wt line and see how it feels on shorter casts.

It will help, you're welcome. Try it out in the yard, it'll do better close in. But don't go casting those hero distances anymore, cause then it's overLOADING. At worst, you'll break the rod (that is doubtful, but I don't wanna be responsible). At best, your cast will fall apart at a shorter distance than it did before, and it'll feel like crap and you'll be tempted to go back. Remember, what happens at distances beyond where you'll fish are meaningless!

Yard casting is good practice, plus it makes the neighbors think you're weird (one of the perks). It's especially good if you give yourself obstacles and situations. Can I get put my backcast under this limb, then cast under that limb and hit the leaf there beyond it. Just do it at typical fishing distances. Take an old fly and cut off the hook. It is much more realistic than the piece of yarn trick, which tends to spin and float and twists up your line something terrible. And also remember that land based roll casts suck compared to what you can do on water.