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I use a [Richardson Chest Box](#). I use that to carry the "generals" and flies I use more-or-less year round (terrestrials, muges, streamers, nymphs, attractors). They have holders for a tube of floatant and a small flashlight. The upside of a chestbox is that they hold a lot of flies in a very compact box. The downside is that it's a pain to switch out those flies, and that they don't hold anything else. So, I added some additional storage...

I added a small pouch on the front myself. In that, I have 4x, 5x and 6x tippet, some soft lead weight, some strike putty. I clip my [hemstats](#) (I like the kind that have scissors and flat jaws, so that I don't have to carry a nipper or switch tools to prep a fly) to the harness for the chest box. I have a net on a magnetic clip off the back (it is handy and balances the weight of the box).

I put a [small pouch](#) (this is close, but not the exact match) on the belt. In that, I carry flyboxes that I use for "match-the-hatch" flies. I also carry the things I don't use to frequently, sink paste for wet flies, backup hemostats. I can also carry a snack or some water in this. I carry 3x and 7x tippet in there and a backup on 5x. I rarely use the 3 and 7, and go through a LOT of 5. Occasionally, I put my camera in there too, but I struggle with this as I am told fishing with a camera is bad luck. 🙄

My fishin' buddy Paul G and I used to carry walkie talkies. I got tired of this, as it's depressing enough to hear how badly he outfished me at the end of the day... I don't need to hear it all through the day too. 😞

PS: I'm from Harrisburg also. While I am recouping from an accident, I don't think I'll be fishing much. But if you would like to get some info on local streams, drop me a note. Also, check out the local TU chapter, [www.DFTU.org](http://www.DFTU.org). I've been very active in the past and had a great time. Nice group of guys and a lot of good work.