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Dear ras,

If you bought a new flyline it probably came with a fly line cleaning pad of some sort.

If it did, use it before you start fishing for the day and you should be fine. If you fish 8 or 10 hours you might need to re-clean your line during the day but that is about all you need to know.

If you get really concerned with your line take a morning when it's raining and unspool your fly line and run it through a dishrag soaked with warm water and dish soap. Rinse it in cold water and run it through a dry hand towel. Your wife or girlfriend will probably give you the evil eye but so what?

Once that is done apply any of the commercial fly line cleaners like Wilson Creek, Glide, Zipcast or whatever grabs you and your fly line will work pretty much like new.

The real problem that almost no one seems to recognize though everyone I have ever seen fly fishing seems to experience is getting your fly line and feet tangled while wading and stepping on your fly line pinning it to the stream bottom.

If you mash your flyline like a potato it's going to be a problem to keep it clean and floating nicely. Just take care and follow what I wrote above and you should be fine.

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊