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Learning to nymph properly can be frustrating! The weight used to get your flies down can be difficult to get right. Too much weight and you will be spending your time stuck on rocks and debris. Too little weight, you will be drifting halfway up in the water column and have too much slack to even know if a fish decided to actually move and come up to eat your fly.

When using split shot, the closer the shot is to your fly the faster it will sink it. Also, putting to split shots close to one another will sink it much faster than spreading them out.

Normally, on smaller streams I prefer to use lightly weighted flies and just add micro shot, until I get the perfect combination of weight to tick the bottom but not get hung up.

I prefer to put my weight on between my flies in a tandem rigging. It seems help keep my flies on the bottom, without as much weight needed.

You know when you put to many on when you swear you can hear your rig hit the bottom!

It was trial and error for me as I taught myself, but others may have better ideas.