

How to Flip Out

Every bass fisherman worth his Texas worm must master this cast

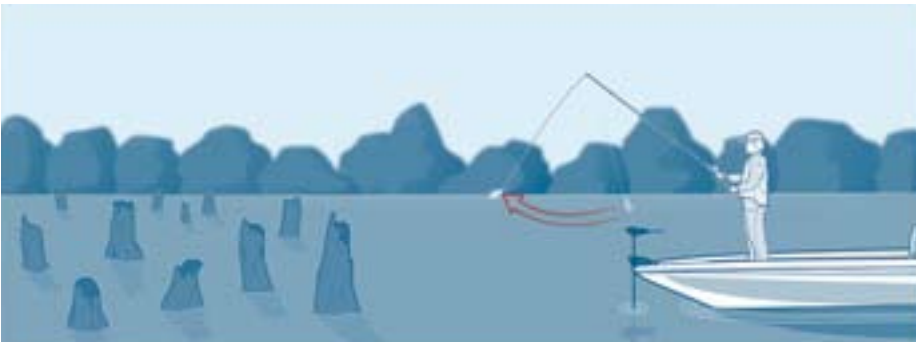
PRO BASS ANGLERS FLIP to score heavy limits from weedy, brushy, and highly pressured waters. This cast allows pinpoint bait placement in thick cover and hard-to-reach spots. Practice in your backyard until you can repeatedly drop a lure into a small target like a coffee cup. You'll need a stiff 7¹/₂-foot baitcasting rod and a baitcasting reel spooled with 17- to 30-pound monofilament or heavier braided line. Flip a weedless ³/₈- to ³/₄-ounce lure like a jig-and-pig or a Texas-rigged worm, creature, or tube bait.

HOW IT'S DONE

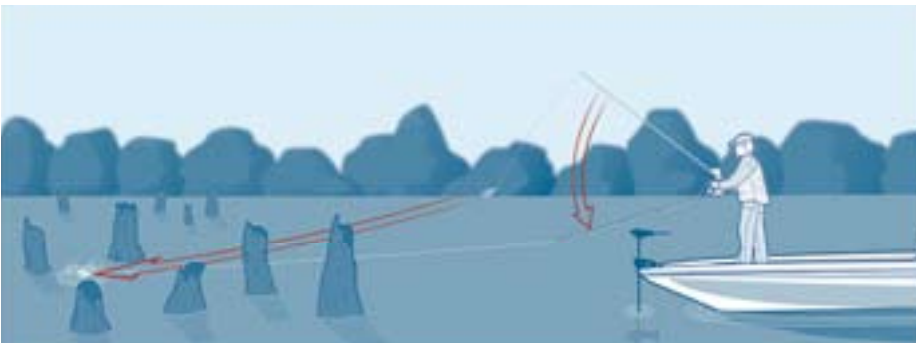


[1] Raise the rod to 2 o'clock and lower the lure about 4 feet from the tip. Then with your free hand, pull about 3 more feet of line off the spool and hold it out from the rod.

[2] Lift the rod to 1 o'clock. The lure will start swinging toward you.



[3] Drop the rod to about 3 o'clock, pointing the tip at your target. Release the line as the lure arcs forward and pulls the extra line through your fingers.



[4] When the lure reaches the target, stop it with thumb pressure on the spool.