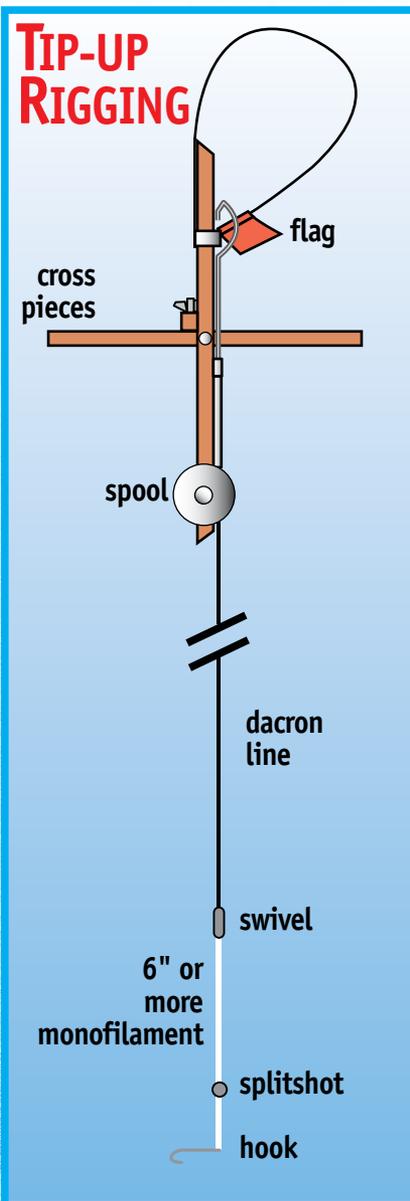


# Hitting the Ice

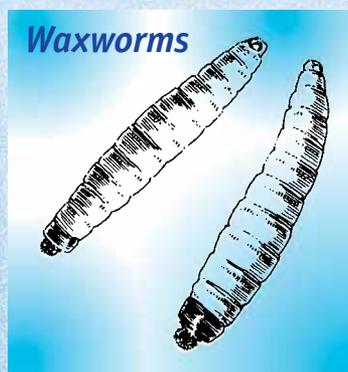
**Tip-ups are easy to use.** They are perfect for setting the bait at different depths to locate fish. A flag acts as a signal (like a bobber). Tip-up spools are rigged with ice fishing line, a swivel and a piece of monofilament leader. A hook is tied to the line and a sinker keeps the bait down. Minnows are popular bait.

**You'll need to cut a hole into the ice. Use a hatchet, spud bar or an auger. Scoop or skim any small pieces of ice or snow from the hole with a ladle. Store your equipment in a five-gallon bucket, and use the lid as a seat. Some anglers use a sled to carry gear.**



Waxworms, mealworms, rat-tailed maggots (mousies), grubs and maggots work great too.

Scatter tip-ups at different locations and depths to cover more area. Keep your face away from set tip-ups.



The flag can pop up and injure you.

