

Rain & Cold Fronts

Rain:

Rain rejuvenates a lake and brings it alive. The whole food chain becomes active and the fishing improves. Concentrate your efforts in shallow water, as fish will be more active.

Check the weather forecast and know when a storm should be passing through. Bass know when a bad storm is approaching and feed heavily before it hits. If the storm is associated with a cold front, bass usually get active before the front passes then shut off.

Cold Front:

Bass are most affected by fronts that drastically change the water temperature and overall water conditions. Drops in temperature of 4 or 5 degrees adversely affect bass.

What a front does to bass depends a great deal on the severity of the cold front and where bass were holding before the front hit. Bass do not make big moves after a front passes through. The fish will change their holding locations and be tougher to catch, but they don't necessarily leave the area. If bass were positioned on main lake points, they may just back out to deeper water and suspend. If they were on relatively bare banks or flats, they may pull to the nearest drop or creek channel. If they were on the edge of the creek channel they probably dropped into it. Usually, the move isn't far. Instead of roaming around and actively feeding, they will get tight to cover / structure and their strike zone will shrink. This is when you need to downsize and slow down your presentation.