



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR POOLS AND SPAS

POOLS

SPAS

BEFORE THE STORM

Trim branches and clear yard debris.

Move all outdoor furniture and accessories inside. Do not place items in pool. They can cause staining or damage to the pool finish.

Remove solar blankets and pool covers. Store them indoors.

Remove automatic pool cleaner and store indoors.

Lock safety straps on portable spa covers.

Store spa steps or benches indoors.

If your pool area has poor drainage, lower water level by 1 foot. Do not drain pool.

Turn off gas heater at supply valve.

Add extra shock or chlorine.

Turn off breakers to all electrical components including pump, lights, and heater.

Wrap pump motor, time clock, light transformers, and electric heaters with waterproof plastic to prevent driving water and sand or remove and store indoors. Consider using sand bags to prevent flooding if left in place.

If you remove child safety fencing, keep all exterior doors locked at all times.

Create a vent on each side of your screened pool enclosure by removing a screen panel and possibly your screen doors.

AFTER THE STORM

Remove debris from pool before using the pool vacuum.

Do not drain the pool. It's often easier to adjust the current water chemistry. If it is absolutely necessary to drain, wait until ground is no longer saturated.

Check electrical equipment before trying to restart. Equipment must be dry. If it has been exposed to water or submerged, contact a licensed professional.

Turn circuit breakers on.

Backwash or drain to waste in order to lower water level to mid skimmer.

Prime filter system and check for normal operation.

Test water and adjust water chemistry as needed.

Monitor system for several days to ensure there has been no damage.

This list is not intended to be a complete guide to hurricane preparedness. When in doubt, consult a licensed pool professional, gas professional, or electrician. For more information on hurricane preparedness, contact FEMA, Red Cross, or National Hurricane Center.

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