



Suggested Hurricane Preparation for Pools and Spas

- Lower the water level 3-12 inches below its existing level to accommodate heavy rains. Coordinate with weather forecasts for anticipated rainfall. Do not drain the pool completely. If you drain too much water out of the pool it could result in the pool rising (popping) out of the ground. Do not operate the circulating pump after draining water to avoid pump damage.
- Add extra chlorine to prevent contamination. Refer to your wall mounted laminated CES chemical dosage chart for proper target levels and dosing instructions. Have the water fully tested after a storm to make sure it's safe to swim in.
- Do not allow anyone to enter your pool when chlorine or pH levels exceed Department of Health accepted ranges.
- Secure pertinent outdoor-mounted pumps, filters, chemical feeders and vats during a storm.
- Wrap any pertinent exposed equipment with waterproof covering and secure.
- Turn off electricity to the pool equipment at the breaker, not at the pump.
- Since pool furniture can become a projectile during a storm and can damage property, bring patio furniture indoors. Contrary to popular belief, don't throw furniture in the pool. Chlorine may degrade the finish, and sharp edges may damage the pool finish.
- Remove any fabric patio awnings and bring them indoors. You can leave the aluminum frame because the wind will blow through the open structure.
- Store all Deck & Dolly, or Robotic Pool Cleaners. Also bring in any maintenance equipment or chemicals normally stored outside so that they do not become projectiles in heavy winds.
- If you suspect that the pool has been contaminated with rising ground water or other questionable water, conduct bacteriological testing using single-use General Bacteria Test Kit (CES part # DF 1211-1). If this test shows positive results, contact CES for additional testing and dosing instructions.
- Remove any outdoor-mounted CES chemical control systems and store in a safe and dry location. Indoor-mounted controllers that are not connected to surge suppression devices should be disconnected from the power source to prevent damage from power surges or brownouts.