

HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1 – NOVEMBER 30

Taking the proper precautions before, during, and after a storm can help minimize damage to your pool, equipment, and property. Follow these tips to protect your investment and ensure a safe recovery.

BEFORE THE STORM



BALANCE YOUR WATER CHEMISTRY

Recommended Levels

	Residential	Commercial
Free Chlorine	2–4 ppm	Per DOH
pH	7.4–7.6	7.2–7.8
Total Alkalinity	80–120 ppm	80–120 ppm

Shock the pool approximately 24 hours before the storm.



LOWER THE WATER LEVEL? USUALLY NO.

Do NOT drain your pool. An empty or partially drained pool can float, crack, and cause structural damage.

Only lower the water a few inches below the skimmer opening if advised by a professional.



SECURE OUTDOOR FURNITURE

Remove or secure:

- Patio furniture
- Umbrellas
- Pool toys & floats
- Trash cans
- Planters
- Grills & decorations

Flying debris causes more pool damage than wind alone.



REMOVE LOOSE EQUIPMENT

Store indoors:

- Robotic cleaners
- Automatic vacuums
- Pool poles & brushes
- Leaf nets & test kits
- Floats & toys



TURN OFF POOL HEATER

Turn off power to gas heaters, heat pumps and electric heaters.

Follow manufacturer recommendations.



CLEAN THE POOL

Before the storm:

- Vacuum debris
- Empty skimmer baskets
- Empty pump basket
- Backwash or clean filter if needed

The cleaner the pool starts, the easier cleanup will be.

WHAT ABOUT THE PUMP?



KEEP IT RUNNING?

If conditions remain safe and power is reliable, running the pump before the storm helps distribute chemicals.



WHEN WINDS BECOME DANGEROUS

Turn OFF:

- Pool pump
- Booster pumps
- Pool heater
- Water features
- Automation

Never operate electrical equipment if flooding is occurring.

DO NOT COVER THE POOL



- ✗ Covers often become damaged.
- ✗ Anchors can fail.
- ✗ Debris collects and may tear the cover.
- ✗ Large amounts of standing water can collapse safety covers.

In most cases, leave the pool uncovered.

COMMERCIAL POOL OPERATORS

Property managers and HOAs should:

- Verify emergency shutoff procedures
- Secure chemical storage
- Ensure chlorine & acid tanks are protected
- Secure feeder lids & shut off automatic feeders
- Remove deck furniture
- Secure safety equipment
- Notify staff of emergency procedures

CHEMICAL STORAGE



Always secure chemicals and keep incompatible chemicals separate. Never allow chemicals to mix if flooding occurs.

AFTER THE STORM



SAFETY FIRST

Check for standing water, downed power lines, and electrical damage before entering the equipment area.

If in doubt, call a professional.



INSPECT EQUIPMENT

Look for:

- Broken plumbing
- Flooded motors
- Damaged automation
- Cracked filters
- Broken valves
- Leaks
- Electrical damage

Do not restart submerged equipment until inspected.



REMOVE DEBRIS

Use a leaf rake and skimmer net.

Avoid allowing branches, mulch, roofing materials, or construction debris to reach the pump.



RESTORE WATER CHEMISTRY

Test and balance:

- Free Chlorine
- Combined Chlorine
- pH
- Total Alkalinity
- Cyanuric Acid
- Calcium Hardness

Shock the pool if necessary. Commercial pools must meet all DOH standards before reopening.



CLEAN THE FILTER

Storms often overload filters. Clean or backwash as needed:

- Cartridge Filters
- DE Filters
- Sand Filters



COMMERCIAL POOLS

Before reopening:

- Verify circulation
- Verify turnover rate
- Confirm sanitizer levels
- Ensure safety equipment
- Inspect fencing & gates
- Verify drain covers
- Meet all DOH requirements

EMERGENCY POOL RECOVERY SERVICES



Emergency Storm Cleanup



Commercial Pool Recovery



Residential Pool Cleanup



Equipment Repairs



Pump & Filter Repairs



Leak Detection



Chemical Rebalancing



Filter Cleaning



Pool Inspections



Automation Diagnostics



Water Feature Restoration