



HOW TO PREPARE YOUR POOL BEFORE A STORM



STAY PREPARED

Hurricanes approach with little warning, and for Charleston area residents, it's crucial to be prepared. Any storm can cause significant damage, and pools can become contaminated with debris.



PRE STORM

DO NOT EMPTY YOUR POOL BEFORE OR AFTER THE STORM

If conditions allow, it is best to maintain water levels to the middle of your skimmer.



PRO TIP: Before the storm, take pictures of your pool and equipment.

TIP #1

DO NOT EMPTY YOUR POOL BEFORE OR AFTER THE STORM

Water weight is what keeps your pool in the ground. Without water, extensive damage can occur, possibly resulting in your pool "popping" out of the ground.



PRO TIP: If your pool is flooded, assume it has been contaminated with foreign objects or debris. We recommend testing flooded pools to ensure chemicals are within normal limits. Always check for wildlife.
Do not use your flooded pool or spa. Contact us to assist.



TIP #2

TURN OFF POWER AND PROTECT EQUIPMENT

Pumps, lights, chlorinators, heaters, etc. should be turned off at the main circuit breaker for your pool equipment. You do not want your pool equipment running during the storm in the event of a flood. If you know your area is prone to flooding, we suggest laying down a sandbag barricade around your equipment.



TIP #3

SAFELY STORE OBJECTS

While taking pictures of your pool and equipment, you should also take a look around your pool deck and backyard. Chairs, umbrellas, tables, grills, and other items can become airborne hazards during the storm. Store these loose objects in a safe, enclosed space.

Never store objects in your pool.

TIP #4

ADD CHEMICALS TO YOUR POOL

Storms bring all kinds of debris into a pool. We advise adding the following amount of liquid chlorine to your pool:

- 10,000 gallons - add minimum 4 gallons
- 30,000 gallons - add minimum 6 gallons
- 40,000 gallons - add minimum 8 gallons

In addition to chlorine, you should also add algaecide to prevent your pool from turning green. Pools under 10,000 gallons, add 6-7 ounces of algaecide. Pools over this capacity, double the dose to 13-14 ounces of algaecide.



TIP #5

POOL COVERS

Always leave your pool cover open. Extra weight and debris can damage your pool cover if closed during the storm.



TIP #6

WELL POINTS

It is best for a professional to assess your pool prior to running your well points. Failure to do so could result in further damage.



Professional assistance is available from Heritage Pools.
If you're in need of assistance before or after the storm, you can reach
us at **(843) 762-3417**.

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