

Even if you have a salt pool with a chlorine generator, **keep extra chlorine on hand** to help prevent contamination in the event of a hurricane.

BEFORE THE STORM:

1. **DON'T lower your pool's water level.** Excessive rain causes the ground to be saturated. The pool could be lifted out of the ground causing expensive structural damage. (Hydrostatic Pressure)
2. **Turn off electrical power to the pool at the pool circuit breaker.**
3. If your filter pump is in an unsheltered area, wrap it securely in a waterproof plastic bag. Tie down the electrical box lid.
4. Remove loose items from your pool area store them in your garage or house. **DON'T** put furniture in the pool. This could damage your pool's surface, and The chemicals in pool water may corrode outdoor furniture finishes.
5. **Add extra chlorine** to your pool water. Remember, you can use water from your pool for bathing and flushing toilets. **Do not drink this water** after the hurricane.
6. Take down the removable child safety fence and store inside the house or garage.

AFTER THE STORM:

1. Replace the child safety fence.
2. **DON'T empty your pool.** Excessive rain causes the ground to be saturated. The pool could be lifted out of the ground causing expensive structural Damage (Hydrostatic Pressure).
3. Super-chlorinate (**shock**) your pool.
4. Remove all plant debris as soon as possible because organic materials dilute chlorine quickly.
5. Before restarting your pool system, make sure you have removed all debris using your pool rake and skimmer. This will prevent clogging the lines.
6. **IMPORTANT-** Check the pump motor. Be sure to remove any plastic covering from the pump motor and be sure it has dried out before trying to restart it. If the motor has been flooded or submerged, have it removed and cleaned professionally.
7. Some chlorine generators/chemical feeders require special care before starting the pump motor. If you have any questions, check with your pool company before restarting the motor.
8. Make sure your pump is operating normally and that water is circulating.
9. Run the motor/filter continuously until the pool water is crystal clear. Then reset your timer clock.
10. Check and clean the filter frequently.
11. Be sure to check the chemical balance as soon as possible and adjust accordingly.

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12. For other questions about pool care before and after a storm, contact your pool service, a retail pool store or the Florida Swimming Pool Association (800) 569-6774.