

Hurricane/Storm Preparations

Pools:

- Drain water to the bottom of the skimmer. This will allow for large amounts of rain to not overflow the pool.
- Turn off all equipment, you do not want to risk debris from getting pulled into the pool and causing damage to equipment.
- Remove anything from around the pool that might blow with heavy winds. Anything can cause damage to the pool given strong winds, so ensure anything on the deck or around the pool has been cleared prior to a storm hitting.
- Remove any pool coverings such as solar covers. If you have a solar roller, then roll the blanket up and secure tightly.
- Do not worry about chemical balancing before a hurricane, as you will be draining the water to the base of the skimmer and refilling after the storm passes. You can still do a chlorine treatment (shock) if you might not be able to do pool care after the storm.

Hot Tubs:

- Keep the power cycling and the hot tub heating. If the power goes out than you will want the hot tub to be heated, especially in the cooler months. Most hot tubs can last up to 2-3 days before they start dropping in temperature.
- Secure the hot tub cover very firmly. If necessary, you can add a "Ultimate Windstrap" to your hot tub. This strap is thicker than average, with a large secure buckle. This strap goes perpendicular to the hot tub cover fold, from one side to the other. We have seen massive damages and even the end of some hot tubs from not securing covers properly prior to storms.
- Depending on the type of storm, you might want to do a chemical treatment before the storm day. This will help the water stay clean if you can not do hot tub maintenance immediately.
- Secure any items that might blow in the wind. Items that are on the deck or on the ground can easily damage the side panels of the hot tub. We have seen cracking and busted side panels from debris or furniture from slamming into the hot tub.