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Hurricane Preparation for Your Pool

1. Except in special cases, there is no need to lower the water. Many people say "Won't the pool overflow if you don't lower the water level?" Certainly it could, but no more than if a patio or plots of grass were there. Never completely drain the pool. If you do lower the water level, be sure

to close the skimmer valve to prevent damage to the pump and piping.

2. Turn off all electrical power to the swimming pool, including power to the pump motor, lighting, chlorinators, etc.
3. Remove and store any removable child safety fences. Install the fence deck caps.

After the Storm

1. **DO NOT EMPTY THE POOL!** High ground water can cause structural damage to an empty pool. There is a very good chance that your pool will lift right out of the ground if you drain it after heavy rains or floods or when the water table is high.
2. Remove all debris from pool with a rake and a skimmer before restarting the system to prevent clogged lines. Some chemical feeders require special care before starting the pump motor. Check with your pool company.
3. Check to make sure the pool is operating normally and that the water is circulating in the pool. Reset time clocks to show the correct time of day. Run the filter until the water is crystal clear and resume normal pool operation.

New Billing Procedures

We are implementing a new billing process beginning the month of June. The normal monthly maintenance is due the 1st of the month. Repairs and services other than monthly services are now due upon completion.

Having a party? Let us know a week in advance so that we can schedule to come out that day instead of the normal service day. Weekends are an additional charge.

Is my pool leaking?

Your pool will naturally lose some water due to evaporation from the sun, evaporation from wind, the use of a pool heater, and splash out. You may also gain water from rainfall. Rule of thumb is that if you're routinely adding water to your pool, you may have a leak. Another rule of thumb is that if you lose less than a 1/4 inch a day it is probably evaporation and if you lose more than a 1/4 inch a day it is probably a leak.

Unsure of your evaporation rate?

1. Bring water to normal operating level, usually the middle of the skimmer or tiles.
2. Place bucket filled with pool water on the top pool step.
3. Mark the water level n both the inside and outside of the bucket. The starting point levels should be the same.
4. Check the mark 24 hours later. If there is a greater drop in the line on the outside of the bucket, a leak in the pool is indicated.



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