

PREPARING FOR A HURRICANE W/ BRIGHT AND BLUE POOL SERVICE

READY OR NOT HERE WE GO!

To all our amazing customers at Bright and Blue Pool Service:

Many of you may be 1st time pool owners, new to Florida & the whole hurricane craze. Here are some tips and things to be aware of.

Before the storm:

- 1. Trim nearby trees and bushes**—Dead limbs or branches may airborne & cause damage to your house, pool equipment or even your screen enclosure.
- 2. Store loose items in a safe place**
Patio furniture, toys, canvas awnings, patio umbrellas, grills, pool poles, and even pool vacuums can become dangerous projectiles during hurricanes and high winds. Please remove all possible unsecured items and store them indoors until the threat passes. **Do not throw anything in the pool to store it until the storm passes!! This can cause damage to your surface as metals and chemicals can leach into the pool while in it. This can be costly & difficult to remedy later.**
- 3. Remove Solar blankets and covers**
In the same way you will want to store blankets and covers indoors during heavy wind. If you have a portable spa make sure to lock the safety straps on the cover or remove it all together as well as ladders and steps & store them.
- 4. Child Safety**—
If you decide to remove the child safety fencing do not allow the children near the pool and keep exterior doors locked until reinstalled.
- 5. Prevent any electrical issues**
If there is a chance that any of your electrical equipment could become submerged shut down the power on the breaker panel. Sandbag the area around the equipment. Wrap the exposed equipment in a waterproof covering & tie it securely.
- 6. Monitor your water levels** –
If we expect heavy rains you may want to lower the water levels. This can help the pool not overflow. However if it does most all pool decks come equipped with a channel drain that will carry the water away from the house. Do not drain the pool past the bottom of the skimmer. Definitely do not drain the pool completely as it could pop out of the ground.
- 7. Remember gas heater safety**
If you have a gas heater simply turn off the valve to the gas supply.

8. **Keep your pool Bright and Blue**
If you would like to you can add an extra 2.5 gallons of Liquid Chlorine & circulate the pool as much as possible before the storm. Then turn off the breaker. A floating chlorinator will provide sanitation if you cannot run the pump for a couple days.

After the Storm

We are here to help and get your pool back to Bright and Blue as quickly as possible! It does take some time however to get things rebalanced. We appreciate your patience as we work through this. Extra storm clean up is an additional fee and not included in your normal monthly services. Extra charges will apply if extra salt, chems or more than normal service time is required to get your pool back into normal operating ranges.

Things you can do:

1. **Remove all the branches leaves and mulch** or other foreign matter from the pool before you run the equipment. This will prevent debris from clogging the suction lines.
2. **Reset Breakers**
If you lost power during the storm your breakers may need to be reset by turning them off then back on. Please make sure everything is dry before resetting them.
3. **Remove any coverings** protecting the equipment before turning back on to ensure proper air flow.
4. **Return pool water to it's proper operating** level. Empty the pump and skimmer baskets if completely full & it may be a couple days before we can get there.
5. **Super-chlorinate the pool and circulate continuously** until clarity returns. There will be higher than normal volume of debris and small particulates in the water so to counter this it will require a higher chlorine levels.
6. **Repair any damages necessary** and contact us for any estimates needed.

This is only a guide if you have specific questions please contact us at 4074028707! God bless as we enter this hurricane season!
