




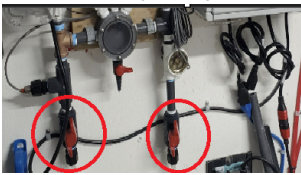


## Hurricane Preparation- Indoor Pools

For indoor pools, it is essential to take specific precautions to protect both the pool and pool equipment during a hurricane or severe storm. Here are some tips to help you prepare:

-  **Turn off power:** If you are expecting extreme bad weather, turn off all electric power to pool and pool equipment by the circuit breakers. This includes pumps, chemical controllers, heaters, Nexgen, Etc...
-  **Move equipment:** Move or secure any pool equipment that is located outside. If any equipment is outside and can not be moved, cover with waterproof tarps or plastic sheeting. Move any equipment or chemicals that are located on the floor to a higher location on a shelf, if possible.
-  **Seal openings:** Ensure all vents, doors, or access points to pool and pool equipment are tightly sealed to minimize water and wind damage. Lock all doors, windows, and access points.
-  **Trim:** Since some indoor pools are surrounded by glass windows, trim nearby trees and bushes.
-  **Reinforce glass:** Consider reinforcing all glass windows with plywood or storm shutters to prevent breakage.

## Controller & Chemical Pump Preparation

Before the storm	After the storm
<p><b>Shock the pool:</b> If you are going to close the pool, make sure to add shock to the pool to prevent the water from getting cloudy.</p>	<p><b>Inspect equipment:</b> Check pool and pool equipment for any signs of damage or water intrusion. Throw away any chemicals that may have gotten wet.</p>
<p><b>Lower water level:</b> Lower the water level slightly to prevent overflow from excessive rain that may come in through windows or other entry points.</p>	<p><b>Water intrusion:</b> If you suspect any water intrusion in electrical equipment, especially in wiring or connections, have a licensed professional check the electrical equipment.</p>
<p><b>Check alkalinity and pH:</b> Ensure water chemistry is balanced as this will help protect the pool surface from damage.</p>	<p><b>Clean debris:</b> Remove any debris that may have found its way into the pool area and check pool water for contamination. If windows are broken or any glass is suspected in the pool- follow broken glass in pool protocol.</p>
<p><b>Isolate any equipment:</b> Close supply and return valves to equipment such as chemical controller probes, nexgen system, heaters, and uv system. This will help keep the equipment wet (required for probes) and if the waterline is compromised keep dirty water from damaging the equipment.</p> 	<p><b>Flow:</b> Add water if needed and turn on pool pump to restore flow back to the pool. Do not restore flow to the chemical controller, nexgen, uv system or heater until the pool is balanced and debris free.</p>

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