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HOW TO PREPARE YOUR POOL THIS HURRICANE SEASON

(SARASOTA, Fla.) June 1, 2017- The Atlantic hurricane season takes place June 1 through November 30. Florida residents mostly know what to do for an impending storm such as stocking up on supplies. But do they know how to protect their pool? The Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA) offers tips and debunks myths surrounding how to take care of your pool during hurricane season.

Before the storm hits, the number one rule is to not empty your pool. Keeping sufficient water levels in your pool provides weight to hold the pool in place, especially when heavy rains that accompany most storms raise the already high Florida water table. Pools which have been emptied may experience serious subsidence problems and could even be lifted off their foundation. It is also recommended to super-chlorinate the pool water.

Don't throw your pool furniture into the pool, keyword being "throw." Never throw or drop anything into a pool that could damage the pool finish. It is best to remove any and all loose objects such as chairs, tables, pool equipment, and even toys which can become dangerous projectiles in high winds. If you cannot store them inside a building, carefully and gently placing them in the pool will help shield them from the winds, although this is not recommended.

FSPA offers more tips for storm preparation and reactivation for your pool on their website, www.floridapoolpro.com, in their "Got Pool?" section and offers a hurricane prep brochure.

The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 700 member businesses in 16 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, and an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors.

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