One of the biggest mistakes a pool owner can make is neglecting to prepare their pool area before a storm! A hurricane or bad storm can wreak havoc on your pool, especially your automatic pool cover, if unprepared. But Coversafe is here to help! We’ve put together a list of the 4 best tips to help you prepare your automatic pool cover and pool area for a hurricane or other major storm.

1. **Do not cover your pool!** It may seem like the right thing to do, but covering your pool during a major storm can actually be a very costly mistake. Your automatic pool cover can be damaged by falling branches, trees, debris, or strong winds could tear the cover from the system.

2. **Clear the area.** Clear the area. Clear your pool area of any chairs, tables, or other loose items. Wind speeds over 50 - 60 mph are considered dangerous, but even 30 - 40 mph wind can blow down patio umbrellas or small trees. Bring everything that you can indoors during a major storm, or make sure the item is securely tied down.

3. **Turn off all power sources in the pool area.** Leaving electricity, propane, gas, or other power sources on could be potentially dangerous if struck by lightning, flooded, or damaged by falling debris.

4. **After the storm, clean up any debris** in the pool and around the pool area. Check the automatic pool cover system box for debris or visible damage too - you may want to consider a basic maintenance visit so that a Coversafe technician is able to report back on the overall condition of your system.