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PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY BY HELPING MARIETTA'S STREETS STAY CLEAN OF YARD DEBRIS

Marietta residents take pride in their homes and in the community. And as one of the most beautiful cities in Georgia, it's apparent that we put a lot of effort into routine yard work. Removing debris is a basic aspect of lawn maintenance. Clogged basins can become an issue if we do not dispose of yard waste properly.

Blowing yard debris onto the road can clog the city's gutters and catch basins, can

hamper the flow of rainwater, create slow drainage, and can cause flooding of streets and private property.

Protect your home and property from water damage by keeping the city's streets free of lawn clippings and leaves. Create a compost bin to house the debris or place it in appropriate lawn bags for removal on designated yard trash pick-up days. ✎

Defend Your High-End Electronics Against Power Surge Damage with the Residential Surge Protection Program

With high-end electronics such as computers, home theater systems, and LCD TVs becoming a mainstay in many homes, ensuring that they are adequately protected just makes sense. Protect your investments from those Georgia summer pop-up storms and other power surges with the Marietta Power and Water Residential Surge Protection Program.

The Residential Surge Protection Program guards against a variety of surges that can be carried through electrical lines, phone lines and cable lines. Customers receive protection of up to \$50,000 for repair or replacement per incident and up to \$5,000 per item.

To qualify for the program, you must

reside in a single-family individually metered home. Other qualifications for the program include proper grounding and entry points for cable and telephone within five feet of the electric meter.

The value-conscious price of the plan is \$9.99 per month and includes one protection device for the home's electric meter, one for a cable/satellite line, and one for a phone line. A one-time up-front installation cost of \$25 is required, along with a three-year contract.

Preventing damage from power surges also prevents a disruption in not only any work you may do at home, but also summer fun.

For more warranty information and additional customer qualifications, call (770) 794-5102 or visit www.mariettopowerandwater.com. ✎



Keep Cool and Keep Some Money by Spending Your Summer Energy Dollars Wisely

Summer offers a whole new season of opportunities. And one big opportunity is to save money on your energy bill. So while you're making plans to enjoy the warmer months, also plan on finding ways to save on cooling costs. Almost effortlessly, reducing your air conditioning bill is often simply a matter of adopting a few new habits.

In the home:

- Program your thermostat. Approximately 50 percent of a home's electric use during the warmer months is a result of maintaining a comfortably cool temperature. Each degree below 78 degrees uses five percent more energy per degree.
- Have your air conditioning unit serviced each season by a professional to ensure that it's in proper working condition; clean or replace air conditioning filters monthly and reuse only those filters specifically designed for reuse.
- Use heat-producing appliances such as the oven, dryer, and dishwasher during early morning or late evening hours to reduce the amount of heat generated inside your home.
- Place lamps or TV sets away from the thermostat that senses heat from appliances and causes the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- Use the bathroom fan to remove the heat and humidity when showering or taking a bath. Make sure bathroom and kitchen

fans are vented to the outside and not to the attic.

- Make sure registers for supplying and returning air are not obstructed with furniture or draperies; vacuum registers regularly to remove dust buildup.
- Close curtains and blinds during the hottest part of the day; install reflective film on the windows to block some of the heat.
- Keep doors closed to rooms that aren't in use.
- Use ceiling fans, attic fans and window fans instead of the air conditioning when possible.

Outside the home:

- Check for overgrown shrubs or other obstacles around the air conditioning condenser; it will not be able to dispose of the heated air it removes if it is obstructed.
 - Install a ridge vent to allow attic heat to escape easily.
 - Consider installing patio covers, awnings, and solar window screens to shade your home from the sun.
 - Plant deciduous trees on the west, east and south sides of the house for shade that can significantly reduce cooling costs.
- Keeping comfortably cool doesn't have to mean dreading the utility bill. Take these proactive steps toward putting your energy dollars to smart use this summer.

For more tips on saving energy, visit www.mariettagapowerandwater.com. ↗

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 3

Fourth in the Park

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Marietta Square

The Marietta Freedom Parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Roswell Street Baptist Church and head towards the Square. The end of the Parade marks the start of the Festival. Food concessions, arts and crafts and a carnival will provide plenty to do for the whole family.

- Marietta Freedom Parade, 10 a.m.
- National Bell Ringing, 2 p.m.
- Parade Awards Ceremony, 2:15 p.m.
- Fireworks at dark

Saturday, July 17

Love the Loop

9 a.m. to Noon

725 North Marietta Parkway

Marietta and Cobb residents are invited to help clean the loop. For more information or to volunteer call (770) 794-5606.

Friday, July 30

Glover Park Concert Series

Bayside (R & B, Beach)

8 to 10 p.m.

Glover Park, Marietta Square
The concerts are free of charge but if you're looking for a "front-row seat," a limited number of tables can be reserved. For more information call (770) 794-5601.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, July 5 in honor of Independence Day.

For a complete list of City of Marietta events, please visit www.mariettaga.gov and click on Calendar of Events.

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