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Let Marietta Power and Water Pay You for Energy Efficiency Improvements with the GreenStreet Home Performance Assessment



With spring just around the corner, now is the perfect time to take a good look around your home to see where you could be saving energy and energy dollars. Marietta Power and Water would like to help you find ways to make energy efficiency improvements, and through the GreenStreet Home Performance assessment, we'll even pay you to let us help.

GreenStreet Home Performance assessments are conducted by highly skilled contractors who use high tech diagnostic equipment to uncover hidden energy losses in your home. This comprehensive evaluation also includes a customized plan tailored to address your home's particular needs in reducing energy use.

And for a limited time, Marietta Power and Water will pay rebates for energy audits, duct sealing, air sealing, and/or insulation installation to residential electric customers in single family homes. Rebates will be paid by a one-time credit on your Marietta Power and Water bill. The home performance audit is required to be eligible for duct sealing, air sealing, or insulation rebates.

Program Refunds Can Lower Your Investment Costs by Up to 50 Percent

Big refunds make the effort worthwhile in both the short and long run. Here's just how big your savings will be on your energy efficient improvements:

- ◆ 50% up to \$200 for Home Performance Energy Audit
- ◆ 50% up to \$100 for Duct Sealing
- ◆ 50% up to \$200 for Air Sealing
- ◆ 50% up to \$200 for Insulation Installation (attic, wall or floor)

To receive the rebate, submit a completed rebate application (provided by a participating contractor) and receipts to the Marietta Power and Water Marketing Department at 675 North Marietta Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30060. A list of participating contractors can be found on our website at www.mariettopowerandwater.com or call (770) 794-5106.

The program ends on December 31, 2011 or when all grant funds are depleted. ⚡



CHECKING FOR OUTDOOR LEAKS THIS SPRING CAN KEEP YOUR WATER BILLS LOW THROUGH THE SUMMER

The yard consumes a large portion of the water used by the average household. In most communities this amounts to approximately 40% of home water usage. By paying proper attention to the maintenance of pipes, hoses, and irrigation systems, you can save a great deal in water losses each month. After all, a pinhole leak in an outside faucet can waste 170 gallons of water in twenty-four hours.

A good starting point to determine whether or not there is a leak at your home is with the water meter. First, make sure no water is being used inside or outside of your home. Next, carefully remove the cover from your water meter box and lift the lid on the top of the meter register. Locate the leak detector (the small triangle on the meter dial) and if it is rotating, you may have a

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The Marietta Square Farmers Market Returns on April 2

Back by popular demand the Marietta Square Farmers Market will return to the Historic Marietta Square every Saturday, rain or shine, from April 2 through November 19.

The market hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. More than sixty vendors will participate this year featuring Georgia grown, made or produced products.

For a list of vendors and products visit www.MariettaSquareFarmersMarket.net, call Johnny Fulmer, Market Director, at (770) 499-9393 or e-mail him at JFulmer@ChurchStreetMarket.com. ✨



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leak. With leaks wasting potentially thousands of gallons of water in only a few days, promptly correcting the problem is crucial.

Some of the common culprits include hose spigots and irrigation systems. Check for cuts or nicks in hoses regularly. Also make sure emitters on drip irrigation systems and drip pores in soaker hoses are not clogged. Sediment can often collect inside the hoses, obstructing the flow of water. Flushing out the hoses once or twice a year is recommended.

If you will be away from your home for an extended period of time, it's best to turn the water off at the shut-off valve in the event that a leak develops during your absence.

For more water saving and water conservation tips, visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com. ✨

GEORGIA WATERING GUIDELINES

Landscape watering is now permitted seven days a week between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. The odd /even schedule with NO hourly restrictions remains in place for other outdoor uses such as car washing and at home pressure washing.

- ◆ Odd-numbered addresses may water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays with no hourly limits.
- ◆ Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses may water only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays with no hourly limits.

Calendar of Events

April Is Keep America Beautiful Month

Friday, April 1

First Friday Art Walk

Historic Marietta Square
5 to 9 p.m.



First Friday Art Walk is back for another season. Come enjoy one of the

most popular events on the Square. Not only will art galleries be featured, but merchants will also be displaying local, original works of art in their shops. Pick up an Art Walk map, available at

each participating merchant and at the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau.

The Historic Marietta Trolley will make it easier to get to all the Art Walk stops that evening. They are running a free shuttle service that evening from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information visit www.artwalkmarietta.com

Friday, April 15

Easter Egg Scramble

Laurel Park
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
There will be lots of candy and prizes for all. The hunt area is divided into age groups:

3 and under, 4-6 and 7-10. Be sure to bring your camera and visit with the Easter Bunny after the hunt. For more information, call (770) 794-5601.

Friday, April 29

Glover Park Concert Series

8 to 10 p.m.
Glover Park in Marietta Square The Series will continue throughout the summer, with concerts scheduled for the last Friday night of each month through September. For more information, call (770) 794-5601.

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