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Marietta Power and Water Continues its Tradition of Supplying Superior Quality Water and Services

In 1998, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set forth regulations in the Safe Drinking Water Act requiring all community water systems to provide an annual water quality report. This report details information on water sources, any detected contaminants, compliance with drinking water rules, and educational information. Thousands of samples are taken each year checking for the presence of substances such as pesticides and herbicides, and microbial, organic and inorganic contaminants. Marietta Power and Water's strong commitment to providing top quality water is reflected in the 2011 report that once again shows that your water supply meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards.

Marietta Power and Water's Environmental Compliance Division manages environmental programs and issues relating to your water and wastewater infrastructure to comply with regulatory mandates. Some of the department's many functions include responding to customer inquiries and resolving problems, enforcement of the Water Stewardship Act, and administration of the lead and copper sampling program. "By using best management practices and providing

excellent services to our customers, Marietta Power and Water keeps the city's water and wastewater infrastructure in top operating condition. Everything our team does on a day-to-day basis through maintenance, education and compliance programs is a measure to provide the highest water quality standards to our customers," explains Marietta Power and Water Environmental Compliance Coordinator Tim Marshall. "We use the latest technology and equipment and strive to adopt new and better methods. However, our greatest resources, in my opinion, are a highly trained staff that cares about providing excellent service and a community that understands and supports their local utilities," he adds.

As a Marietta Power and Water customer, you too play an important role in maintaining our top-quality water supply just by being a good steward of your environment — so thank you for keeping our local waterways clean!

For more information go to www.mariettawater.com and to read the full 2011 report, visit the website at <http://www.mariettaga.gov/city/mpw-home/water/environmental/ccr>.

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7 Hot Ways to Stay Cool and Still Save on Summer Energy Costs

If you're looking for ways to save on your summer utility bill, you don't have to look far. Energy-saving opportunities are just waiting for you both inside and outside your home.

Inside, every room offers a number of possibilities from replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents to simply closing drapes and blinds to keep out the sun's rays. Outside, checking for overgrown shrubs or other obstacles around the air conditioning condenser is one quick and easy means of lowering your bill.

Here are 7 more smart ways to stay comfortable this season without blowing your utility budget:

1. Use heat-producing appliances such as the dryer and dishwasher during early morning or late evening when possible.
2. In the kitchen, whip up a meal in your microwave instead of heating up the house with the stove or oven. Reduce cooking energy by as much as 80 percent by using your microwave for small portions. Grilling outdoors frequently is another effective way to save on cooking-related energy costs.
3. Keep food covered in the refrigerator as moisture buildup makes the air inside the refrigerator harder to cool.
4. Clean or replace air conditioning filters monthly and reuse only those filters specifically designed for reuse.
5. In the bathroom, take cooler and shorter showers. With a new 2.5 gallon-per-minute low-flow shower head, a 10-minute shower will use only about 25 gallons of water.
6. Installing a programmable thermostat can save about \$180 a year in energy costs.
7. Use the Marietta Power and Water home energy calculator. By entering basic information about your home, the calculator easily estimates your energy bills and potential savings. In just a few clicks, you can see the savings to your energy bill by making home improvements or adjusting your thermostat. Visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com and click on the Residential Energy Calculators tab under Power. 💧



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Calendar

August 24

Glover Park Concert Series
Glover Park in Marietta Square

August 24

Yacht Rock Schooner (Party Rock)

August 25

GSO Jazz (Jazz)

September 28

Atlanta Pleasure Band (R&B)

August 10 through 26

"Legally Blonde: The Musical"

Presented by Atlanta Lyric Theatre
Jennie T. Anderson Theatre
For more information visit www.atlantalyrictheatre.com or call (404) 377-9948.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, September 3 in honor of Labor Day.

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