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Marietta Power and Water Receives National Recognition as an RP3® Utility for Reliable Electric Operations

Marietta Power and Water has earned one of the highest honors in the utility industry by being recognized as one of 176 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities to earn Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3®) recognition from the American Public Power Association. The award is earned by providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.

The RP3® designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in the four key disciplines of reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business

practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

"Receiving the RP3® designation means a lot to us," said Marietta Power and Water Electrical Director Tom Bell. "It's an honor to be recognized on a national level for the work we are doing here locally in Marietta."

Marietta Power and Water also received the award in 2011.

For more information on the services Marietta Power and Water offers, visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 💧

It Pays to Recycle in Marietta

Earn rewards at some of your favorite places by recycling in Marietta. Watch your mail in June for details from RECYCLEBANK. Then check www.mariettaga.gov at the end of June for updates about RECYCLEBANK.

Grow Your Garden this Year without Growing Your Water Bill

Now that the spring season is well underway, you may be thinking about planting your favorite flowers and veggies and giving your struggling lawn a little boost. As you're sprucing up your outdoor areas this year, there are a number of steps you can take that will minimize your water usage without sacrificing the beauty of your garden. Here's how:

Go natural. Ask your nursery for a list of low-maintenance plants, such as

Georgia native and southern climate plants that require less water. By practicing Xeriscaping, which means "water conservation through creative landscaping," you'll naturally reduce your water consumption.

Dig in. Dig basins around trees and bushes to concentrate the water where it's needed and to prevent runoff.

Practice tough plant love. Good routine maintenance involves understanding



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your plants' true watering needs. Water only when plants require it and not according to a set schedule. Also, water early in the morning when wind speeds and temperatures are lowest and water doesn't evaporate as quickly. Keep in mind that lawns need water only every five to seven days in summer, and set a timer to avoid overwatering.

Make every drop count. Position sprinklers so that the water falls on grass, trees, and shrubbery — not on patios, streets, and driveways. Use soaker hoses and other highly efficient watering methods and replace missing washers, punctured hoses, and anything with a chronic leaking problem.

Get mulch more from each watering. Place mulch around your plants to help the soil hold more moisture between waterings. A layer of mulch also restricts the growth of weeds that compete with preferred plants for water.

Go long. Raise the blade on your lawn mower to at least three inches. The longer grass will shade the ground more and keep water from evaporating as quickly. The root system will grow healthier as a result.

For more water conservation tips, visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 💧



Get Your FREE Water Conservation Kit at www.mariettapowerandwater.com

Learning to live within our water supply and using only what we need is essential. Marietta Water offers free water conservation kits for residential customers. Request your free kit at waterconservation@mariettga.gov and start saving water and money. 💧

Smart Ways to Keep Cooling Costs Low This Summer

Marietta Power and Water encourages you to take control of your air conditioning costs this summer.

Energy experts suggest the following ways to keep cooling costs low:

Choose the Right Setting Keep your thermostat set between 76 degrees and 78 degrees. Every degree below that will increase the amount of energy that your air conditioner uses by 3 to 5 percent.

Replace Filters Regularly Install a new filter the first day you turn your air conditioner on each spring and change it every few months until winter.

Cut Back Trim weeds and bushes from around your air conditioner's outdoor unit. Clear dead

leaves away as well. Give the unit at least two feet of clearance on all sides — and six feet above — so air can flow through freely.

Keep the House Closed Tight During the Day Don't let in unwanted heat and humidity. Ventilate at night either naturally or with fans.

Create a Breeze Use ceiling fans to increase comfort levels at higher thermostat settings.

Keep those Ducts Airtight Seal all air conditioner ducts, and insulate ducts that run through unheated basements, crawl spaces, and attics.

For more suggestions on keeping your electric bill low, please visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 💧

CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 4

Fourth in the Park
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Glover Park in Marietta Square Parade, festival and fireworks. Visit www.mariettaga.gov for more information.



Friday, July 27

Glover Park Concert Series
8 to 10:30 p.m.
Glover Park in Marietta Square
July 27 The Fabulous Expressions (Beach)
August 24 Yacht Rock Schooner (Party Rock)
August 25 GSO Jazz (Jazz)
September 28 ... Atlanta Pleasure Band (R&B)

Friday, July 6

Scary-etta Trolley Ghost Tour
8 to 9:30 p.m.
For more information visit www.ghostsofmarietta.com.

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