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## Celebrate Your Special Status as a Marietta Power and Water Customer during Public Power and Clean Water Week October 7-13

As a Marietta Power and Water customer, you are among a distinct group of 46 million Americans from approximately 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities. Your membership in this group allows you to have a say in your utility's operations and policies — plus almost countless other benefits including outstanding service and low rates. Celebrate the many advantages of using public power during the 26th Annual Public Power and Clean Water Week October 7-13, 2012.

As a valuable community asset, our public power and water system contributes substantially



to the well-being of local citizens through utility and energy efficiency, environmental protection, economic development and safety awareness.

To get the most for your money as a Marietta Power and Water customer, visit [www.mariettopowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettopowerandwater.com) for the complete list of services available to you. 💧

## 8 WAYS TO WARM UP TO COLD WEATHER AND LOWER ENERGY BILLS BY WINTERIZING YOUR HOME NOW

Does the thought of cold weather and higher energy costs give you the chills? Bumping up the thermostat this winter doesn't have to mean bumping up your energy costs significantly — if you take a few measures to keep your hard earned utility dollars inside your home. Here are a few tips for keeping your home warm this winter at lower costs:

**1. Have a professional inspect your heating system to ensure it's operating efficiently.** Also check your filter monthly and change it when needed. Dirty filters reduce airflow and

make your equipment work harder and use more energy. Make sure draperies, furniture or other household items are not blocking heating vents and registers.

**2. Reverse ceiling fan blades.** Turning the blades clockwise during the cooler months which will force warm air down helping to maximize your heating dollars.

**3. Program your thermostat.** Setting your thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees for eight

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hours a day can save about 10 percent in energy costs. You may even want to consider installing a programmable thermostat for convenience. It's estimated that through proper use of pre-programmed settings, a programmable thermostat can save you about \$180 every year in energy costs.

**4. Use your fireplace smartly.** Although a cozy fire is one of the most enjoyable aspects of winter, improper use can add to heating costs. Clean your chimney of debris and keep your fireplace damper closed tightly when not in use. Grates made of C-shaped metal tubes draw cool room air into the fireplace and circulate warm air back into the room. Also consider installing doors over the fireplace opening to cut down on drafts and heat loss through the chimney.

**5. Plug those air leaks.** Tiny air leaks can have huge impact on your heating bill. Seal cracks around doors and windows with caulk or weatherstripping.

**6. Take advantage of free heating on sunny days.** Supplement the heating in your home with the sun's rays. Open window treatments on sunny days and let the sun heat your home. Be sure to close window coverings at night and on cloudy days to keep the heat in.

**7. Do a little redecorating.** Rearrange your furniture so you are sitting near interior walls as exterior walls and older windows are likely to be drafty.

**8. Dial down the water heat a bit.** Most everyone loves a piping hot shower or bath, but water heaters can be the culprit of up to 25 percent of your energy bill. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to 120°F. Also wrap exposed water heater pipes and place a water heater insulator blanket around the tank for reduced costs.

For more tips on saving energy, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). 💧

## Mark Your Calendars for the 2012 Career Expo

Mark your calendars for the city of Marietta's 2012 free job fair on Wednesday, Sept. 19. The job fair will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South

Marietta Parkway. For more information visit [mariettaga.gov](http://mariettaga.gov) or email [michael.oneal@dol.state.ga.us](mailto:michael.oneal@dol.state.ga.us). 💧

## Calendar

### Saturday, October 20

Harvest Square Arts & Crafts Festival, Halloween Happenings, and Scarecrows in the Square

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square

Schedule:

**Farmers Market:** 9 a.m. until noon

**Scarecrows on the Square Awards**

**Ceremony:** 1:45 p.m.

**Halloween Happenings:**

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Children's Costume Contest:** 2 p.m.

**Pet Costume Contest:** 3 p.m.

**Pumpkin Patch**

For more information call (770) 794-5601.

### Saturday, November 10

4th Annual Cherokee Heights Arts Festival

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Etowah Drive

For more information, visit

[www.cherokeehightsartsfestival.org](http://www.cherokeehightsartsfestival.org)

and <https://www.facebook.com/cherokeehightsartsfestival>.

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Upcoming Shows at the Earl Smith Strand Theatre — Home of the Atlanta Lyric Theatre

**December 7 through 23**

Irving Berlin's White Christmas

**February 15 through March 3**

Beehive – The 60's Musical

**April 12 through 28**

Ragtime

**June 7 through 23**

Joseph And The Amazing

Technicolor Dreamcoat

For more information visit

[www.atlantalyrictheatre.com](http://www.atlantalyrictheatre.com) or

call the box office at (404) 377-9948.

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