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Get Set for Savings by Adjusting Your Thermostat

There are still a few months of warm weather ahead, and you can start putting high cooling costs behind you by adjusting your thermostat by only a few degrees. Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher. By simply setting the thermostat a few degrees higher you can reduce cooling costs by up to 2 to 3 percent for each degree of adjustment.

Programmable thermostats can also help your home maintain an optimal temperature through a preset schedule based on when you are home or when you are sleeping. Available as a digital or electromechanical system, programmable thermostats can typically store and repeat six or more temperature settings per day.

Through automatic temperature setbacks and setups you can alter your home's temperature as it makes the most sense for your lifestyle. Plus, you can manually override the temperature without affecting the rest of the daily or weekly program.

Additionally, according to The US Department of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Consumer's Guide to Thermostats and



Control Systems there's no need to be concerned that your system is working harder to return the air to a previous cooler temperature.

Keep in mind that the location of your thermostat can affect its performance and efficiency. To operate properly, a thermostat must be on an interior wall away from direct sunlight, drafts, doorways, skylights, and windows.

For more summer energy saving tips, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at www.mariettopowerandwater.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ON **SEPTEMBER 28** FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL MARIETTA READS! EVENT IN MARIETTA SQUARE

Marietta Reads!, the Marietta City Schools (MCS) citywide effort to foster reading and literacy in the community, celebrates its eleventh-year anniversary on Saturday, September 28, 2013 in Glover Park on Marietta Square from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The annual event offers a variety of literacy activities — a book fair, book costume

characters, celebrity readers — and family-friendly entertainment including MCS school drama, dance and chorus performances, plus guest appearances by Marietta Reads! 🌊



Marietta Reads!

Light Your Way to Money and Energy Savings through a Better Understanding of Indoor Bulb Usage

Good lighting is essential to a quality home life. As a crucial aspect of your everyday living, lighting can account for up to 15 percent of your annual electricity costs. Get the most from your lighting dollars by using indoor bulbs smartly. Here's how:

1. Clean light bulbs regularly to maximize light output.
2. Use three-way lamps that save energy by providing varying light levels depending on specific task need and the time of day.
3. Install dimmer switches to save energy by lowering light levels.
4. Place high-efficiency fluorescent tubes in garages, work rooms and laundry rooms.
5. Use high-performance light-emitting diode (LED) lamps for decorative lighting.

Switch low-efficiency incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR® qualified compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) that use less energy and last up to 10 times longer. Replacing 15 inefficient incandescent bulbs in your home with energy-saving bulbs could save you approximately \$50 per year.

Watt Should You Look for in an Energy Efficient Indoor Bulb?

The shift to more efficient lighting is also shifting how we shop for light bulbs. Consumers used to purchase bulbs based on watts, however watts measure only the amount of energy the bulb uses to produce light.

Lumens offer a more effective gauge of lighting capacity in that they measure the amount of light produced. The more lumens in a bulb, the brighter the light. For a better understanding of watts vs. lumens, see the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC's) conversion chart below:

- ✘ 40-watt incandescent bulb = 450 lumens
- ✘ 60-watt incandescent bulb = 800 lumens
- ✘ 100-watt incandescent bulb = 1600 lumens

Finally, one of the simplest and most effective strategies for smarter indoor bulb usage is simply turning off lights in rooms that are not in use. So before you leave your home each day, take a second look around your home to make sure lights are off.

For more energy saving tips, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at www.mariettagov.com. 💧



Calendar

Sunday, September 1

Art in the Park

10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square

For more information visit www.mariettagov.com.

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Thursday, September 5, 12, 19, 26

Brown Bag Concerts

Noon to 1 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square

For more information visit www.mariettagov.com.

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Saturday, September 21

Marietta Streetfest

9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square

For more information call (770) 794-

5710.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, September 2 in honor of Labor Day.

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