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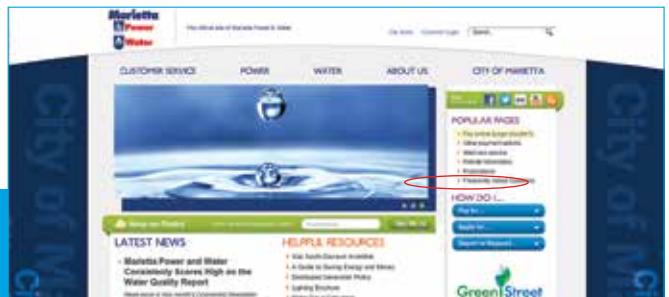
## Set Yourself Up for Faster and Easier Bill Paying with the New Self-Serve eBilling Option

If you would like to receive your bill electronically, now is the perfect time to sign up for Marietta Power and Water's eBilling notifications. Instead of phoning in your request for the service, you can now set yourself up for the convenient billing option online. Here's how:

1. Go to the Marietta Power and Water website at [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com) and click on the Pay Online link under Popular Pages.
2. Once you're on the Online Payment System page, enter your account number and password under Account Log-In.

3. Click on the Manage eBilling icon on the left side of your computer screen.
4. Select the Receive eBill statement option, enter your email address and click submit.

That's it! You'll be receiving your next bill via email, so you'll have one less bill to look for in your mailbox each month! 💧



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## 7 Tips for Playing it Safe During Summer Storms

Pop-up storms are a notorious part of Georgia summers, but with a little preparation, they don't have to soak your plans. Use these seven tips for making it safely through the season.

1. Exercise caution when walking in flooded areas. Submerged outlets, electrical cords, and downed power lines can energize water, causing electrocution. If you're in a car during or after a storm, never drive over a downed power line.

2. If you encounter someone who is in contact with a downed power line, do not touch the person, call 911 instead.
3. If you have time before the storm strikes, secure anything outside that could get blown around and cause damage to your home such as lawn furniture.
4. During electrical storms, do not use corded phones — keep a cell phone handy for emergency calls.
5. If you're outdoors during an electrical storm, move to a low-lying area and keep away from metal objects.

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6. Keep an ample supply of flashlights, batteries and candles all through your home for easy access if the power goes out.
7. Should you lose power, unplug sensitive electronic equipment such as televisions, computers and microwaves to prevent an overload when power is restored.

Remember that Marietta Power and Water is here to serve you at any time. Please report power outages to us immediately so that we can get to work right away restoring your electricity and your day. Report power outages by calling (770) 794-5160. 💧

## 5 Ways to Make Your Home a Natural for Low Cooling Costs

Now that summer's really starting to heat things up, you may be looking for more ways to reduce your warm weather cooling costs. Fortunately, there are several steps you can take to keep your costs down by keeping the heat out through a strategy known as passive cooling.

This method of natural temperature control uses non-mechanical methods to keep your home comfortable throughout the hot months. Most of the heat absorbed through your home enters through the roof, walls and windows, but you can minimize how much makes it into your home. Below are six ways you can put passive cooling to work in your home.

1. Applying a reflective coating to your roof. Available at hardware or home improvement stores, reflective coatings have waterproof and reflective properties and are typically available in two types, white latex or asphalt-based. Consult a roofing professional to determine which type is best for your home.
2. Constructed of a highly reflective material, consider installing a radiant barrier that can reduce ceiling heat penetration by up to 25 percent.

3. If you're considering painting your home this summer (either inside or out), keep in mind that a light-colored paint reflects heat away from your home as opposed to a dark-colored paint that absorbs heat.
4. When selecting window treatments, choose a double-layer fabric that is woven tightly instead of sheers that do little to help maintain a cool indoor temperature. Heavy-duty draperies will also come in handy during the cold months to keep warm air in.
5. Consider installing reflective window coatings that not only repel heat, but also reduce fading of furniture, draperies and carpeting.
6. Proper weather stripping and caulking go a long way in keeping your home cool, so take a close look at doors and windows that may need sealing.

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

## Calendar

### Every Saturday and Sunday

**Marietta Square Farmers Market**  
Historic Marietta Square  
Saturday, 9 a.m. until noon  
Sunday, noon until 3 p.m.  
For more information visit [www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net](http://www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net).

### Friday, August 23

**Glover Park Concert Series**  
Glover Park in Marietta Square  
8 p.m.  
A1A (Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band)  
For more information call (770) 794-5601 or visit [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov).

### Saturday, August 31

**Art in the Park**  
Glover Park in Marietta Square  
10 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
For more information call (770) 794-5601 or visit [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov).

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