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## Count on Marietta Power and Water to Provide Top-Quality Water and Services Year after Year

Marietta Power and Water is proud to present our annual Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report). This report will be available to customers online and will not be printed and mailed to all customers as in previous years. This change complies with the Environmental Protection Agency's announcement that water utilities had the option to inform customers of the annual report's availability online instead of printing the report.

Along with your efforts as a good steward of our environment, Marietta Power and Water's best management practices and steadfast service continue to pay off each year through some of the best water quality in the nation. Thousands of samples that were taken during 2012 checking for the presence of substances such as pesticides, herbicides, microbial, organic and inorganic contaminants confirm that your water supply once again meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards.

"Our consistent high rating is the result of our commitment to outstanding service by keeping the city's water and wastewater infrastructure



in excellent operating condition," explains Marietta Power and Water Environmental Compliance Coordinator Tim Marshall. "In addition to utilizing the latest technology, our highly trained staff implements our best practices policy every day through maintenance, education and compliance programs."

To request a paper report delivered to your home, please email Tim Marshall at [tmarshall@mariettaga.gov](mailto:tmarshall@mariettaga.gov). 

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## Almost Effortless Ways to Cut Your Cooling Costs this Summer

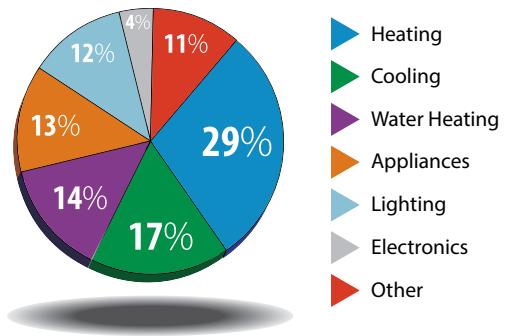
Cutting your cooling costs this summer doesn't have to mean sacrificing an entire Saturday doing major fix-it projects around your home. Here are 10 time-friendly ways to help your summer energy dollars perform at their peak:

1. Cooking several meals at once uses less energy than cooking meals separately. Be sure to flip on the stove's exhaust fan while cooking to help remove heat and humidity.
2. Dust off the grill and cook outdoors as frequently as possible to avoid heating the house.
3. A full refrigerator helps it to maintain a cool temperature and not warm up so fast when the door is open. Keep food covered as moisture buildup makes the air inside the refrigerator harder to cool.
4. Avoid placing lamps or TVs near your air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances causing the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
5. When showering or taking a bath, use the bathroom ventilation fan to remove the heat and humidity. Consider taking cooler, shorter showers. Additionally, install a 2.5 gallon-per-minute low-flow shower head that uses only about 25 gallons of water for a 10-minute shower.
6. Use caulking and weather-stripping to seal cracks and gaps around windows, doors, plumbing and electrical outlets.
7. Take advantage of the longer days of summer by utilizing natural sunlight as much as possible for indoor activities. At night, use task lighting when practical instead of overhead lighting.
8. Replace incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star® qualified lighting that not only uses less energy, but also produces approximately 75 percent less heat than incandescent lighting.
9. Install a door sweep on the door to your garage to seal the gap between the bottom of your door and the threshold.
10. Shade your air conditioner from direct sunlight. If you have a window unit, place it on the north side of the house where it is cooler.

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

## Slicing Up the Energy Bill Pie: Understanding Where Your Utility Dollars are Being Spent

Ever wonder what the big energy consumers are around your home? It's worth taking a closer look at where your dollars are likely being spent. 💧



Source: [www.EnergyStar.gov](http://www.EnergyStar.gov)

## Calendar

### Saturday, June 1

Glover Park Concert Series  
GSO Jazz  
Glover Park in Marietta Square  
8 p.m.  
For more information call  
(770) 794-5601 or visit  
[www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov).

### Friday, June 14

Fourth annual "Juneteenth Evening Under the Stars"  
Glover Park in Marietta Square  
For more information call  
(770) 794-5601 or visit  
[www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov).

### Saturday, June 15

Tenth annual Juneteenth celebration  
Glover Park in Marietta Square  
For more information call  
(770) 794-5601 or visit  
[www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov).

### Friday, June 29

Glover Park Concert Series  
Atlanta Pleasure Band (R & B)  
Glover Park in Marietta Square  
8 p.m.  
For more information call  
(770) 794-5601 or visit  
[www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov).

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on July 4 in celebration of Independence Day.

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