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*Happy Holidays from Everyone at Marietta Power and Water*

*The holiday season is a time to give thanks and express gratitude. All of us at Marietta Power and Water would like to say "Thank You" for the opportunity to serve you and those close to you.*

## **Keep Your Household Budget on Track with Marietta Power and Water's Budget Billing Program**



The change in seasons can sometimes mean an increase in your monthly power and water bill that can make it difficult to stay within a tight budget. Fortunately, through Marietta Power and Water's Budget Billing Program, you can also get more buying power for your utility dollar.

### **How Would My Monthly Bill Be Determined?**

The Budget Billing Program is based on your average consumption of Marietta Power and Water services during the preceding 12-month period. Your monthly bill will reflect this average and remain

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the same for one year from the start date. On the anniversary of your enrollment, your bill will be recalculated for a possible new payment amount and to settle up your budget billing according to your actual consumption.

### How Do I Sign Up?

In order to qualify, you must be a residential customer maintaining a satisfactory credit rating

for twelve months. Participants are also required to commit to the program for one full year. To sign up for Budget Billing you can complete the online form on our web site at [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com).

To learn more about the program, please call Marietta Power and Water's Customer Service Department at (770) 794-5150. 💧

## Stay Safe this Holiday Season With These Safety Lighting Tips

Practice safe holiday decorating habits this season, and keep electrical fires from spoiling your holiday season.

### Indoors:

- Make sure all electrical lights and decorations have been tested and approved by nationally recognized independent testing laboratory.
- Check extension cords for damage before use and never use one that is damaged or hot.
- Be careful to not overload any one outlet or power strip with too many cords. Overworked outlets can trip breakers and cause a power outage throughout your home.
- Keep extension cords out of high traffic areas. Never staple cords to walls or baseboards. Also, don't place them under rugs or carpets.
- Make sure you're using indoor lights inside and outdoor lights outside.

### Outdoors:

- Keep all extension cords and light strings clear of snow and standing water.
- Never use a metal ladder when installing lights and other electrical decorations on your home.
- Turn off all holiday lights and electrical decorations at bedtime and when you're not at home. Using pre-set timers to turn the lights on and off will not only reduce fire hazards, but will also help keep electric costs down.
- Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.
- Consider purchasing LED lights that use less energy and run cooler than traditional incandescent lights.

For more tips on electrical safety and saving energy, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). 💧

## Calendar

### Saturdays

#### Farmers Market

Marietta Square

For more information contact Johnny Fulmer at (770) 499-9393.

### Saturday, January 3

#### Helicopter Rides

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Aviation Wing of the Marietta Museum of History  
1st Saturday each month

For more information call (770) 963-0590 or visit [www.mariettahistory.org](http://www.mariettahistory.org).

**Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Thursday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day and on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**

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