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eBilling Lightens Your Load at the Mailbox

If you've ever wanted to reduce the amount of mail you receive, Marietta Power and Water can give you a hand. With our eBilling option, you'll have one less paper statement to look for each month. Here's how:

1. Go to the Marietta and Power website at www.mariettopowerandwater.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.

Just four easy steps! How easy is that?! 💧



Fast Forward Warm Weather Energy Savings



With this winter being one of the coldest in quite some time, many of us are wishing we could jump into spring right now. While we can't rush the seasons, we can speed up energy and money savings. Below are seven smart tips that will put the freeze on high energy costs.

1. Schedule an inspection for your air conditioner to ensure its optimal performance through the warm months. If your central air conditioning unit is more than 12 years old, you could save about 30 percent in cooling costs by replacing it with an ENERGY STAR certified model.

2. Install ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent light bulbs in your frequently-used fixtures and lamps. CFLs will save you about \$30 to \$40 in energy costs over the life of each bulb.
3. Check your refrigerator door for escaping air by closing it on a piece of paper that's half in and half out of the refrigerator. If the paper pulls out easily, the latch may need adjusting or the seal may need replacing. Also, take time to clean your refrigerators condenser coils. They can accumulate dust and pet hair causing the motor to work harder and use more electricity.

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4. A dehumidifier can make a significant contribution to your electric bill. Make sure you have the appropriate sized dehumidifier for your home.
5. Water heating can be responsible for up to 25 percent of your home's energy consumption so dial down the temperature to the warm setting of 120°F for the warmer months.
6. Unplug electronic devices and chargers when they aren't in use. Most new electronics

use electricity even when turned off. Turn computers and printers off at the power strip for more energy savings.

7. Check for air leaks by looking for cracks in your home's foundation, attic floor and walls, and around electrical outlets and switches.

Sunny, spring days are not far away. Put these tips to work for you and your utility budget so you can enjoy all the season brings.

For more energy saving tips, visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 💧

Watch Your Water Savings Grow this Spring by Preparing Your Home for Warm Weather Now

Although the ground may still be frozen, plant the seeds now for big water savings this spring. Whether you're gearing up for some deep spring cleaning or planning your annual flower garden, here's how you can get more done with less water both indoors and outdoors.

Indoors:

- Presoak any stove parts, etc., overnight and wash with an abrasive scrub brush or pad utilizing plenty of elbow grease to minimize water use.
- When cleaning floors, use a pail or basin instead of running water. Sponge mops take less water than string mops to get the job done.
- Wash laundry in cold water and save approximately \$63 a year.
- Install aerators on all faucets and replace washers on dripping spouts.
- Select the water-saving cycle on your dishwasher.

Outdoors:

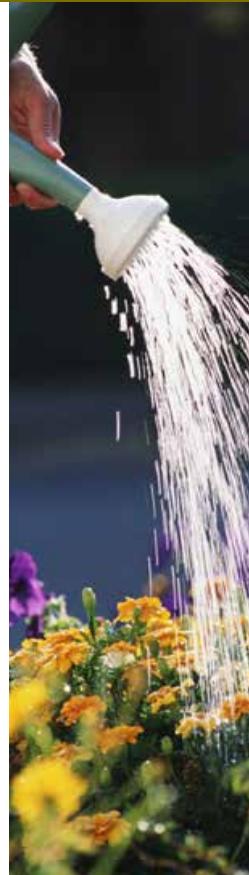
- Check faucets and hose connections for leaks. A pinhole leak in an outside faucet can waste 170 gallons of water in 24 hours.

- Hoses often use more water than necessary. A five-eighths-inch hose carries more than 1,000 gallons in an hour. Reduce your garden hose size to half an inch for watering — it's lighter and provides about 600 gallons an hour.

- Use a nozzle that can be shut off or adjusted to fine spray. When you're finished, shut off the water at the house instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks.
- Ask your nursery for a list of low-maintenance plants, such as Georgia native and Southern climate plants that require less water.
- Check your sprinklers to be sure that they are properly adjusted and be sure that they water your plants and not the sidewalk.

By taking these few simple steps, both your home and your wallet will be ready to welcome spring!

For more ways to save water, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 💧



Calendar

Every Saturday Marietta Square Farmers Market

Marietta Square
8 a.m. until noon
For more information call
(770) 499-9393 or visit
www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net

Sunday, March 2 First Sunday Free Day at MCMA

Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art
January through June, the
first Sunday of each month
admission is free.
For more information call
(770) 528-1444 or visit
www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org

Wednesday, March 19 Garden Stories Growing Seeds (Age 3-6)

Smith Gilbert Gardens
10:30 until 11:30 a.m.
For more information call
(770) 919-0248 or visit
www.smithgilbertgardens.com

Thursday, March 13 Live Well Marietta Speaking about Wellness for the Community — Nutrition for Weight Management & Optimal Health

Glover Park in Marietta Square
Noon until 12:30 p.m.
For more information call
(770) 956-STAR (7827) or visit
www.wellstar.org/livewellmarietta

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