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Marietta Power and Water Continually Strives to Deliver the Best-Quality Drinking Water and Service to Our Customers

Marietta Power and Water is proud to present our annual Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report). This report is available to all our customers online at <http://www.mariettaga.gov/City/media/Docs/PowerWater/ccr2013.pdf>.

As new challenges to drinking water safety emerge, Marietta Power and Water remains vigilant in meeting the goals of source water protection, water conservation, and community education while continuing to serve the needs of all of our water users. We also continually strive to adopt new methods for delivering the best-quality drinking water to you.

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 2013 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.

"We are dedicated to producing drinking water that meets or exceeds all state and federal standards," 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 access the report, go to <http://www.mariettaga.gov/City/media/Docs/PowerWater/ccr2013.pdf>. To request a paper report delivered to your home, call (770) 794-5100.

Please remember that we are always available to assist you should you ever have any questions or concerns about your water. For more information, visit our website at mariettopowerandwater.com.

Keep Your Lawn and Wallet Greener This Summer by Watering Wisely



Wise watering habits will enable you to enjoy a lush landscape this summer while keeping your water bill as low as possible.

Smart ways to limit your outdoor water use include:

- Remember Water Restrictions** The Georgia Water Stewardship Act went into effect statewide on June 2, 2010. It allows daily outdoor watering for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants only between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. by anyone whose water is supplied by a water system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division.

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The following outdoor water uses also are allowed at any time of the day by anyone:

- Commercial agricultural operations as defined in Code Section 1-3-3;
- Capture and reuse of cooling system condensate or storm water in compliance with applicable local ordinances and state guidelines;
- Reuse of gray water in compliance with Code Section 31-3-5.2 and applicable local board of health regulations adopted pursuant thereto;
- Use of reclaimed waste water by a designated user from a system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division of the department to provide reclaimed waste water;
- Irrigation of personal food gardens;
- Irrigation of new and replanted plant, seed, or turf in landscapes, golf courses, or sports turf fields during installation and for a period of 30 days immediately following the date of installation;
- Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses;
- Handwatering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container;
- Use of water withdrawn from private water wells or surface water by an owner or operator of property if such well or surface water is on said property;
- Irrigation of horticultural crops held for sale, resale, or installation;
- Irrigation of athletic fields, golf courses, or public turf grass recreational areas;
- Installation, maintenance, or calibration of irrigation systems; or
- Hydroseeding.

Outdoor water use for any purposes other than watering of plants, such as power washing

or washing cars, is still restricted to the current odd/even watering schedule.

- Odd-numbered addresses can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses are allowed to water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- **Get an Early Start** You can reduce evaporation by watering during early morning hours, when temperatures and wind speeds are lowest.
- **Avoid Over Soaking** Most lawns in our area only need to be watered every five to seven days in the summer. If we experience soaking rains, your lawn may not need watering for as much as two weeks.
- **Lose the Leaks** Use washers to eliminate leaks where hoses, spigots, and watering devices connect. Replace leaky hoses, sprinklers, and irrigation mechanisms.
- **Check Your Timing** Replace defective automatic timers.
- **Irrigate Efficiently** Select the most water-efficient watering system for each area of your yard. Micro and drip irrigation and soaker hoses use significantly less water than traditional sprinklers.
- **Take Matters Into Your Own Hands** Consumer Reports tells us that people who water lawns and gardens by hand with a hose use one-third less water than people who use sprinklers.
- **Consider Soil Mitigation** You can improve soil's ability to hold water by adding compost or peat. For potted flowers and plants, consider adding polymer crystals that will make the soil in your flowerpots more absorbent. You can also purchase special patio pots that allow water to reach roots efficiently.

You will find the supplies you need to tackle these projects at most garden retailers and home improvement stores. For more ways to keep your water bill as low as you can, please visit www.mariettagov.com. ❄️

Calendar

Friday, July 4

Fourth of July Celebration

The celebration begins at 10 a.m. and includes a parade, free live concerts, museum tours, arts and crafts show, food, carnival games and a fireworks finale.

Schedule of Events

10 a.m.	Marietta Freedom Parade
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Festival
Noon	Concert
2 p.m.	Bell Ringing Ceremony
2:15 p.m.	Float contest awards
2:30 p.m.	Atlanta Concert Band
8 p.m.	Concert
Dark	Fireworks

Friday, July 25

Citrus Magic Glover Park Concert Series

8 until 11 p.m.
Glover Park in Marietta Square
The American Flyers — Party Band

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

For a complete list of City of Marietta events, please visit www.mariettagov.com and click on Calendar of Events.

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