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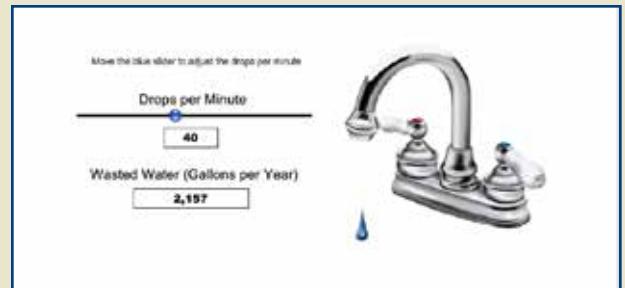
A Dripping Faucet Can Seem Like an Insignificant Problem in the Scheme of Your Everyday Life, but the Overall Impact Can Actually Add Up

Dripping is frequently caused by a loose connection, which can be repaired with a few twists of a wrench, or by worn or broken washers, which can be easily replaced. A faucet that leaks even one drop per minute adds up to 53 gallons of wasted water per year. And a steady drip of 10 drops per minute wastes 539 gallons per year.

To help you determine how much water and money you may be losing, Marietta Power and Water has created an easy-to-use Water Drip Calculator that can be found on the Marietta Power and Water website. Visit www.mariettopowerandwater.com and click on Water, then Water Calculators. After selecting

Water Drip Calculator on the Water page, simply slide the blue bar along to discover how drops can translate into gallons of water lost each year.

For more water conservation tips visit www.mariettopowerandwater.com. 



These Energy-Saving Tips Will Help Keep You and Your Family Warm and Comfortable This Winter



High winter heating bills can really impact your monthly budget. Here are some simple tips that can help you start saving immediately.

- Inspect the ductwork in your attic and crawlspace to ensure that it has not become obstructed or disconnected.
- Measure the thickness of insulation in your attic. If it is less than R-30 (11 inches of fiberglass or rock wool or 8 inches of cellulose), you could probably benefit by adding more.
- A clean furnace runs more efficiently, so change your furnace filter on a monthly basis.
- Open window shades and draperies during the day and let the sun warm your home.

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- When you're not using your fireplace, make sure to close the damper.
- Caulk and use weather stripping to prevent air leaks around windows and doors.
- Force warm air near the ceiling down by reversing the direction of ceiling fans.

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Here are a few more ideas that require a little more effort. The energy savings may be well worth the time and money needed to implement these tips.

- Programmable thermostats can be set to automatically lower the temperature at night while you are sleeping and during times when you and your family are usually away from home.
- Hire a professional heating contractor and ask them to check your heating equipment, test ductwork, and seal leaks.

Burst Pipes Can Be Messy And Expensive, But Can Also Be Avoided

The pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation can be subject to freezing. Pipes that freeze most frequently are the ones that are exposed to severe cold, like outdoor water spigots, water sprinkler lines, water supply pipes, and swimming pool supply lines.

Prevent the freezing of water supply lines and pipes by following these suggestions:

- Remove drain and store any outdoor gardening hoses.
- Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outside hose bibs to allow water to drain. Keep the outside valve open so that any water remaining in the pipe can expand without causing the pipe to break.
- Check your home for water pipes that are located in unheated areas. Areas like the attic, basement, crawl space, and garage will need to have any exposed water pipes insulated.

- Home improvement stores sell "pipe sleeves" or UL-listed "heat tape" that can be installed on any exposed water pipes.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- If you plan to be away from your home during winter months, leave the heat in your home set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.
- Follow the manufacturer or installer's directions and drain water from the water sprinkler and swimming pool supply lines.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.

For more tips and energy saving information, visit www.mariettagov.com. 

Calendar

Friday, March 27

Easter Egg Scramble

6:30 p.m.

Laurel Park

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Friday, April 24

Glover Park Concert Series

8 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square

For more information visit

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Sunday, April 26

Taste of Marietta

11 a.m.

Marietta Square

For more information visit

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Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Friday, April 3 in observance of Good Friday.

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