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## Keep Winter Utility Costs Down By Keeping Hot Air From Escaping Through Your Attic

Did you know that 90% of American homes are under-insulated? This means that 9 out of 10 U.S. homeowners are wasting money on their energy bills.\* If you have drafty rooms, varying temperatures throughout your home, hot or cold ceilings or high heating and cooling bills, you probably need to insulate your attic.

By adding insulation, you can stop wasting energy, save money, and increase your family's comfort, but how do you know if you have the right amount? Insulation levels are specified by R-Value. R-Value is a measure of insulation's ability to resist heat traveling through it. The higher the R-Value, the better the thermal performance of the insulation. Use the U.S. Department of Energy's Insulation Fact Sheet to determine the recommended R-Value suggested for your area. Add or replace attic insulation as necessary.

Add foam insulation to electrical outlets and switches on external walls. Remember to turn off power first! Also, seal the attic door or access with weather stripping.



By upgrading the insulation in your attic you can cut heating and cooling costs by 10 percent. For more energy saving tips visit [www.mariettpowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettpowerandwater.com). 💧

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## Fall Is the Perfect Time To Prepare for Colder Weather

With cooler temperatures finally here, now is the perfect time to winterize your home and prepare for the colder temperatures to come. Here are some low-cost quick fixes that can help you stay within budget:

- Use clear weather strip tape on windows along the gap where the glass meets the frame, and also on any cracks that may be present.
- Tape over the pulley hole on double-hung windows and use rope caulk between upper and lower windows.

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- Install foam weather stripping with adhesive backing between the door and frame for doors that leak around the entire frame.
- Seal with caulk along the basement sill plate and around door and window frames. Stop air leaks under exterior doors by using a door sweep.
- Install foam gaskets behind light switch and electrical outlet cover plates.
- Seal holes around water pipes and stuff insulation into big holes around plumbing fixtures.

If your home still feels drafty and cold after detecting and correcting air leaks, you may need to add insulation to the exterior walls. Other potential problem areas include the crawl space and basement. Check with a professional contractor for insulating these areas in your home. For more tips on saving energy this winter, visit [www.mariettagov.com](http://www.mariettagov.com). 💧

## Request Your Free Guide

Request your free guide: Energy Matters in Your Home. This guide is designed to help you understand your energy use, lower your utility bills, and take action with a no-nonsense, energy-saving plan.

Visit [www.mariettagov.com](http://www.mariettagov.com), click the Customer Service tab, then Residential Saving Energy. It's that easy! 💧



## Calendar

### Thursday, December 3 Santa on the Square

Glover Park in Marietta Square Festivities will begin at 5 p.m. Santa will make his grand entrance at 5:20 p.m. Christmas Tree lighting at 6 p.m. More entertainment will follow while Santa visits with children in the gazebo until 8 p.m. For more information visit [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov).

### December 5 and 6 29th Annual Marietta Pilgrimage

Tickets can be purchased for day tours, candlelight tours, or a combination ticket including both. For more information, visit [www.mariettagov.com](http://www.mariettagov.com) or call 770-429-1115.

### December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19-24 Santa's Workshop

Be sure to have your picture taken with Santa.  
**Santa's Hours**  
Saturday, December 5: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sunday, December 6: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 12: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sunday, December 13: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday, December 19: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sunday, December 20: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Monday, December 21: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 22: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 23: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Thursday, December 24: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. — Last day to see Santa on the Square! The line to meet Santa closes one hour before his workshop closes.

**Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 in honor of the Christmas holiday.**

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