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Be Prepared when **SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS** Pop-up this Summer

Pop-up thunderstorms are a common part of Georgia summers. When the National Weather Service issues a Severe Weather Watch, that means that thunderstorms are possible in your area. Stay informed on how the weather is progressing and be prepared to seek shelter if a severe thunderstorm warning is issued. When a Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued, severe weather has been reported or is indicated by radar in your area and you should be prepared to seek shelter or get indoors immediately.

Every thunderstorm produces lightning, which can kill if you do not take cover. Heavy rain from thunderstorms can also cause flash flooding, and high winds can blow down trees and utility poles, causing power outages.

Follow these simple tips for making it safely through the season:

- Exercise caution when walking in flooded areas. Submerged outlets, electrical cords, and downed power lines can energize water, causing electrocution. If you're in a car during or after a storm, never drive over a downed power line.
- If you encounter someone who is in contact with a downed power line, do not touch the person and call 911 immediately.

- If you have time before the storm strikes, secure anything outside that could get blown around and cause damage to your home such as lawn furniture.
- During electrical storms, do not use corded phones — keep a cell phone handy for emergency calls.
- If you're outdoors during an electrical storm, move to a low-lying area and keep away from metal objects. Keep an ample supply of flashlights, batteries and candles throughout your home for easy access in case the power goes out.
- Should you lose power, unplug sensitive electronic equipment such as televisions, computers and microwaves to prevent an overload when power is restored.

Remember that Marietta Power and Water is here to serve you at any time. Please report power outages to us immediately so that we can get to work right away restoring your electricity and your day. Report power outages by calling (770) 794-5160. 💧



Adjust Your Thermostat to Keep Cool this Summer and Save

As the temperature rises this summer, stay cool and keep cooling costs down by adjusting your thermostat. By setting your thermostat at 78°F or higher you can reduce cooling costs by up to 2 to 3 percent for each degree of adjustment. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.

Keep in mind that the location of your thermostat can affect its performance and efficiency. To operate properly, a thermostat must be on an interior wall away from direct sunlight, drafts, doorways, skylights, and windows.

If you have a programmable thermostat, you can set the temperature higher or lower based on when you are home or when you are sleeping. Available as a digital or electromechanical system, programmable thermostats can typically store and repeat six or more temperature settings per day. Plus, you can manually override the temperature without affecting the rest of the daily or weekly program. The key is to establish a program that automatically reduces heating and cooling in your home when you don't need as much.

If you have a manual thermostat, you can still see utility bill savings by adjusting the temperatures daily before you leave the house and when you go to sleep at night. Typically, adjusting temperatures 5-8 degrees (down in winter, up in summer) can help save energy if you're going to be away from home for several hours.

For more summer energy saving tips, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 💧

Calendar

Saturdays

Marietta Food Tour

11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A 3-hour guided tour includes 10 appetizing tastings at 7 different culinary stops.

For more information visit

www.mariettafoodtours.com or call

1 (866) 736.6343.

Saturday and Sundays May through October

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Saturday: 9 a.m. until noon

Sunday: noon to 3 p.m.

North Park Square on Marietta Square

For more information visit

www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com

or call (770) 499-9393.

Friday, August 26

Glover Park Concert Series

Infinity Show Band (Variety)

Glover Park in Marietta Square

8 to 10 p.m.

For more information visit

www.marietta.gov/concerts or call

(770) 794-5601.

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