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## Stay Cool this Summer with These Money-Saving Energy Tips

Adopting a few energy saving habits can help keep cooling costs down this summer.

### Inside Your Home

- Program your thermostat. Set your thermostat higher when you are away and lower when you are at home. Each degree below 78 degrees uses five percent more energy per degree.
- Use heat-producing appliances such as the oven, dryer, and dishwasher during early morning or late evening hours to reduce the amount of heat generated inside your home.
- Clean or replace air conditioning filters monthly.
- Use the bathroom fan to remove heat and humidity when showering. Also, make sure bathroom and kitchen fans are vented to the outside and not to the attic.
- Make sure air vents that supply and return air are not obstructed with furniture or curtains; vacuum air vents regularly to remove dust buildup.
- Close curtains and blinds during the hottest part of the day.
- Keep doors closed to rooms that aren't in use.
- Use ceiling fans, attic fans and window fans instead of the air conditioner when possible.

### Outside Your Home

- Have your air conditioning unit serviced each season by a professional to ensure that it is in proper working condition.
- Check for overgrown shrubs or other obstacles around the air conditioning unit; it will not be able to work efficiently if it is obstructed.
- Consider installing patio covers, awnings, and solar window screens to shade your home from the sun.

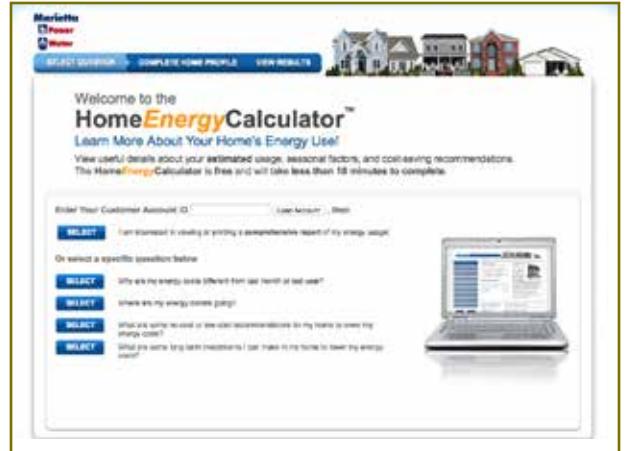
Keeping cool and comfortable this summer doesn't have to mean higher utility bills. For more tips on saving energy, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). 💧

# Learn More about Your Home's Energy Use with the Marietta Power and Water Residential Energy Calculators

One more way Marietta Power and Water can help you meet your money saving goals is with the fast and free Residential Energy Calculator. Under the Power icon, click on Residential Energy Calculators.

By entering basic information about your home, the calculator can estimate your home energy usage and potential savings. In just a few clicks, you can see how much you'll be able to save on your energy bill by making a few home improvements or by just adjusting your thermostat.

The Home Energy Calculator is free, will take less than 10 minutes of your time, and could provide money saving ideas to help lower your



utility bill. Visit [www.mariettopowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettopowerandwater.com) for more energy saving tips. 💧

## Calendar

### Saturday, May 21

Touchstones to the Past: City Cemetery Tours

Marietta City Cemetery  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Visit [www.touchstonestothepast.eventbrite.com](http://www.touchstonestothepast.eventbrite.com)  
or call the Marietta Museum of History at  
(770) 794-5710.

### Saturday Year Round

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Historic Marietta Square  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information, visit  
[www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com](http://www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com) or  
call (770) 499-9393.



### Friday, May 27

2016 Glover Park Concert Series

Glover Park in Marietta Square  
The Tams – Carolina Beach  
8 p.m. rain or shine

Table reservations are taken on a first come basis. For more information  
call (770) 794-5601 or visit [www.mariettaga.gov/concerts](http://www.mariettaga.gov/concerts).

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