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Protect Yourself and Your Family and Prepare for Thunderstorms Season Today



Lately, it may not surprise you to receive an alert for a local “Severe Thunderstorm Watch” or “Severe Thunderstorm Warning,” but you may be wondering—what exactly does that mean? And just as curiously, what’s the difference? Firstly, you should know that all thunderstorms are dangerous because they can produce strong winds, lightning, tornadoes, hail and flash flooding. A **severe thunderstorm watch** means there is the potential for severe thunderstorms (damaging winds/large hail) to impact your area within the next 6 hours. In contrast, a **severe thunderstorm warning** means a severe thunderstorm is occurring or will likely occur soon. If you are advised to take shelter, do so immediately. (<http://ready.ga.gov/be-informed/thunderstorms-and-lightning/>)

A thunderstorm can have unfortunate and costly repercussions, but you can take the following preventative measures provided by Ready Georgia to avoid some of the most threatening situations:

- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and cause injury or damage during a thunderstorm.
- Know your lightning safety rules. For example, if you hear thunder or see lightning, go indoors. Stay indoors for at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.
- If thunderstorms are expected in your area, postpone outdoor activities.

- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.
- Shutter windows and secure outside doors. If shutters are not available, close window blinds, shades, or curtains.

If you are caught in a thunderstorm, some things to avoid include:

- Tall or isolated trees or other tall objects.
- Hilltops, open fields, the beach, a pool, a boat on the water, isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.
- Anything metal — wires, metal fences, tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, golf clubs, and bicycles.

After a storm passes, remember the following:

- Never drive through a flooded roadway. **Turn around, don’t drown!**
- Stay away from storm-damaged areas to keep from putting yourself at risk from the effects of thunderstorms.
- Stay away from downed power lines and report them immediately to Marietta Power and Water.

While Marietta Power and Water makes every effort to maintain reliable, continuous service, if there is ever a power outage in your area, please report your outage by calling (770) 794-5160. For a water and sanitary sewer-related emergency, call (770) 794-5230. 💧

Despite the Rain

We're Still in Level 2 Drought Conditions

Put on your raincoats and grab your rubber boots, but don't go jumping for joy in the puddles just yet. Unfortunately, Marietta remains in level two drought conditions. This means we're facing water restrictions that may affect your weekly routines, from washing your car to watering your lawns. It's essential that we remain water-conscious during this period of limited resources.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has outlined a watering schedule as follows:

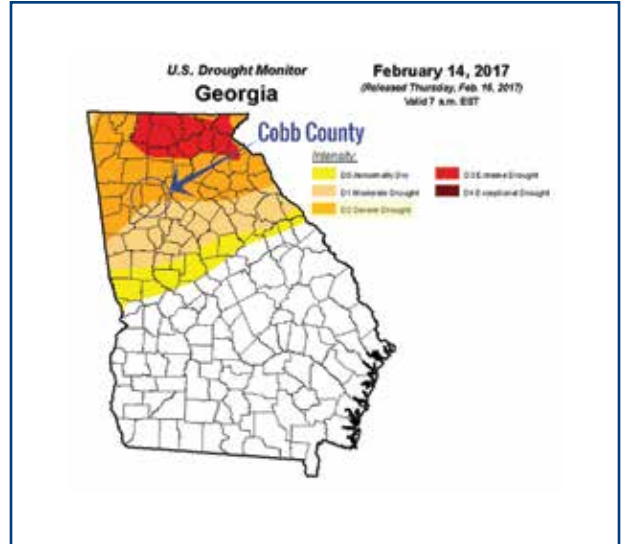
- Even-numbered addresses may water Wednesdays and Saturdays (4 p.m. to 10 a.m.).
- Odd-numbered addresses may water Thursdays and Sundays (4 p.m. to 10 a.m.).

Prohibited outdoor water uses include:

- Washing of hard surfaces such as streets and sidewalks
- Water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains
- The use of fire hydrants – except for firefighting and public safety
- Non-commercial washing of vehicles
- Non-commercial pressure washing
- Fundraising car washes

The following activities are presently allowed under both a Level 1 or Level 2 drought response:

- Irrigation of personal food gardens may be done at any time during the day.



- Irrigation of new and replanted plants, seed or turf may be done at any time of day for 30 days after installation.
- Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses may be done at any time of day, and hand watering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container may be done at any time of day.
- General landscape watering may be done between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. on the designated odd / even watering schedule.

Additional water conservation information can be found at: epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation. 💧

Calendar

Friday, March 3

First Fridays March - November

Marietta Square Art Walk

Marietta Square

5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Free

Visit www.artwalkmarietta.com for more information.

Sunday, March 26 Sunday, April 23

Fantastic Family Fun Days

Laurel Park Tennis Center

2 until 5 p.m.

All ages, skills and families invited.

Games, Prizes, Food!

Free!

For more information, please call

(770) 919-8602 or visit

www.tennisdynamics.net.

Sunday, April 30

Taste of Marietta

Marietta Square

11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

For more information, please call the

Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors

Bureau at (770) 429-1115.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed Friday, April 14 in observance of Good Friday.

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