

**Marietta**



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## Simple Ways to Conserve Water and Save on Your Utility Bill at the Same Time

Cooler temperatures signal a brand new growing season and a new opportunity to maximize your water consumption. By using water smartly, you can enjoy a beautiful lawn and bountiful garden throughout fall and early winter — without increasing your water bill. Here are a few simple ways you can accomplish both.

### **When watering your lawn:**

- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn holds moisture better than a shorter lawn.
- Avoid watering on windy days when most of the water will blow away or evaporate.
- Check your sprinkler system for leaks and broken sprinkler heads and repair promptly.
- Adjust sprinkler heads to prevent overspray onto sidewalks or roadways.
- Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler. Soaker hoses are more efficient and disperse water directly into the ground with less run-off.

- Aerate your lawn at least once a year so water can reach the roots and doesn't lay on the surface.

### **When watering your garden or container plants:**

- Water container plants thoroughly until water seeps from drainage holes. Thorough watering encourages deep roots resulting in less frequent watering needs.
- Apply water directly to the soil instead of showering foliage.
- Group plants with the same watering needs to avoid over-watering some and under-watering others.
- Use a layer of mulch on the surface of your planting beds to retain moisture and minimize weed growth which competes for water.
- Consider skipping watering for a day if there has been a good rain.

For more water conservation tips, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at [www.mariettopowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettopowerandwater.com). 💧



# Take Time This Fall to Make Sure Your Home's Electrical System is Working Safely

Being safe when using extension cords, light bulbs, electrical appliances and other electrical equipment is easy, but it only takes one mistake to spark an electrical fire. Here are a few electrical safety tips for the home:

- Test ground-fault circuit (GFC) outlets to ensure they reset properly when pressing the test button.
- If there are young children in the house, make sure unused outlets have safety covers installed.
- If you are frequently resetting circuit breakers, call an electrician to inspect the circuit and upgrade the electrical panel if necessary.
- Make sure electrical cords are in good condition. Never use tape to fix a damaged electrical cord. Always replace the cord.
- Test smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors on a monthly basis to make sure they are working properly.
- Check the wattage of light bulbs to make sure they are the correct wattage for the size of the fixture.

If you are experiencing flickering lights, sparks from your outlets, warm electrical cords or frequently blown fuses and circuits, consider having an expert come and inspect your home's electrical system.

For more energy saving ideas, visit Marietta Power and Water at [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). 💧

## Calendar

### November 18 through March 5, 2017

#### Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland Marietta Square  
This Holiday season, the Marietta Square transforms into a nostalgic Winter Wonderland featuring open-air ice skating, Santa's Workshop, multi-story Christmas tree and more!  
For more information, visit [www.mariettasquare.com](http://www.mariettasquare.com) or [www.winterwonderlandmarietta.com](http://www.winterwonderlandmarietta.com).

### Thursday, December 3

#### Marietta Christmas Tree Lighting

Glover Park in Marietta Square  
5 p.m. Festivities Begin  
5:20 - 8 p.m. Santa in the Gazebo  
6 p.m. Tree Lighting  
For more information, please call (770) 794-5601.

**Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, December 26 in honor of the Christmas holiday.**

### December 3 – 4

#### 30th Annual Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour

Tour six private Marietta homes located in the Kennesaw Avenue district. Each home has been lovingly restored and will be decorated for the holiday season. For more information, visit [www.mariettapilgrimage.com](http://www.mariettapilgrimage.com) or call (770) 429-1115.

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