

Marietta

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North Georgia Reverts to Non-Drought Status

On March 8, 2018, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) lifted the Level 1 Drought Response that had remained in effect for north Georgia after months of drought plagued the state during 2016 and 2017. With the Level 1 Drought Response lifted, the entire state reverts to a non-drought outdoor water use schedule.

Although the Level 1 Drought Response has been lifted, please remember that there is a standard outdoor watering schedule that Georgians should follow even in non-drought conditions, put in place through the Water

Stewardship Act of 2010. Under this Act, all types of outdoor water uses are acceptable, but landscape watering should only occur before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. daily. Watering during this time frame minimizes evaporation during the warmest part of the day and therefore makes the water use more effective for the plants and grasses. We ask that Marietta Water customers continue to be good stewards of our water and adhere to the non-drought watering schedule. More information on the non-drought schedule is at <https://epd.georgia.gov/non-drought-outdoor-water-use-schedule>. 💧

Celebrate National Electrical Safety Month with a Home Electrical Inspection

May is National Electrical Safety Month and whether you are a homeowner or a renter, electrical safety should be a top priority. Being aware of electrical hazards in the home can help reduce the staggering number of electrically-related home fires and injuries that occur every year.

What better way to celebrate than by giving your home an electrical safety inspection. Start with this simple checklist and search your home for these electrical safety hazards:

- ✓ Check your electrical cords on both large and small appliances. Look for cracks and exposed wires that can spark and be hazardous. Either hire an electrician to come to your home to repair the issue or replace the damaged appliance with a new item.
- ✓ Replace any small appliances that have a burning or rubber smell coming from them.
- ✓ Make sure electrical cords are tucked away and not running across doorways or under carpets.
- ✓ Be sure light bulbs in your lamps match the maximum wattage allowed for each lamp.
- ✓ Small heat-producing appliances such as toasters, irons and coffee makers draw a lot of electricity. Plug only one heat-producing appliance in each outlet to prevent overheating.
- ✓ Keep ladders away from overhead power lines, including the electrical lines that go into your home.
- ✓ Finally, call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:
 - frequent problems blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers,
 - a tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance,
 - discolored or warm wall outlets,
 - flickering or dimming lights, or
 - sparks from an outlet.

Also, always make sure you have working smoke alarms. For more safety tips, please visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 💧

Home Electrical Safety Challenge

Why is there a different kind of outlet in my bathroom? What does "TEST" button do? Why does the circuit breaker trip every time my portable air conditioner comes on? What's the difference between a power strip and a surge protector?

Do you know everything you should about your home's electrical system and the electrical products you use in it every day? If you're like most people, the answer is probably "no." It's time to change that! Electrically-related home fires and incidents result in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and more than a billion dollars in property damage each year. A healthy respect for electricity and a basic knowledge of electrical safety practices can help keep your home and family safe from electrical hazards of all kinds.

The Home Electrical Safety Challenge provides a simple exercise to help you give your home an electrical safety "check-up." Each week during National Electrical Safety Month, use the Challenge worksheets in this section to take a look at a different area of your home. Learn to identify potential electrical hazards and correct them. Making a few easy changes to improve safety can also lead to increased energy efficiency and savings on your utility bills.

Is your home ready for the challenge?

The Home Electrical Safety Challenge was developed to help raise awareness about potential home electrical hazards. This exercise is not a substitute for an electrical system inspection performed by a licensed, qualified electrician.

Many of the conditions that cause electrical fires and incidents can be detected during a home electrical system inspection.

ESFI recommends that you have an electrical system inspection conducted if:

- Your home is 40 years old or older
- You purchase a previously-owned home
- Your home has undergone a major renovation
- You have added major new appliances in the last 10 years

Visit ESFI's Virtual Home at <http://virtuallhome.esfi.org> to learn more about home electrical safety.

Download a PDF of the Electrical Safety Foundation International's (ESFI) Home Electrical Safety Challenge at <http://files.esfi.org/file/Home-Electrical-Safety-Checklist.pdf>.

Calendar

Saturdays 9 a.m. until noon (year-round)
Sundays Noon until 3 p.m. (May through October)

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Marietta Square

For more information, visit

www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com or call (770) 499-9393.

Last Friday each month, April through September

Glover Park Concert Series presented by LGE Community Credit Union

Glover Park in Historic Marietta Square 8 p.m.

Free admission

The 2018 concert lineup:

April 27	Band X	Party Rock band
May 25	Electric Avenue	80's MTV experience
May 26	Symphony on the Square	Orchestral Pops music

For more information, visit www.marietta.gov/concerts or call (770) 794-5601.

2018 Glover Park Concert Series
 Marietta Square

Concert Schedule

APRIL 27
 8:00 p.m.
 Band X

MAY 25
 8:00 p.m.
 Electric Avenue

MAY 26
 8:00 p.m.
 Symphony on the Square

JUNE 29
 8:00 p.m.
 Party on the Square

JULY 27
 8:00 p.m.
 The Mustangs

AUGUST 24
 8:00 p.m.
 Crystal Clear Band

SEPTEMBER 28
 8:00 p.m.
 The Mustangs

8:00 p.m. (rain or shine)
 770.794.5601 www.marietta.gov/concerts
 No Personal Tables or Plastic Ground Coverings Permitted in This Park

Produced by OMDA and the City of Marietta Parks, Recreation and Facilities. A \$100 free event.

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