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## Use these Energy-Saving Tips to Keep You and Your Family Warm and Comfortable This Winter

High winter heating bills can really impact your monthly budget. Here are few simple tips that can help you start saving immediately.

- Inspect the ductwork in your attic and crawlspace to ensure it has not become obstructed or disconnected.
- A clean furnace runs more efficiently, so change your furnace filter on a monthly basis.
- Open window shades and draperies during the day and let the sun warm your home.
- When you're not using your fireplace, make sure to close the damper.
- Caulk and use weather stripping to prevent air leaks around windows and doors.
- Force warm air near the ceiling down by reversing the direction of ceiling fans.

Here are a few more ideas that require a little more effort. The energy savings may be well worth the time

and money needed to implement these tips.

- Programmable thermostats can be set to automatically lower the temperature at night while you are sleeping and during times when you and your family are usually away from home.
- Hire a professional heating contractor and ask them to check your heating equipment, test ductwork, and seal leaks.

For more energy saving ideas, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). 💧



## Project SHARE Program



Project SHARE is an emergency-assistance program funded through the concern and generosity of people just like you. Through your contributions to Project SHARE, administered locally by the Marietta Salvation Army Corps, many less fortunate families are being assisted with emergency energy-related expenses. This may include gas, electric or oil bills, repair of vital heating or cooling equipment, as well as other emergency needs such as food, shelter and medicine.

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Project SHARE is a statewide program that is coordinated by the Salvation Army of Georgia. Funds donated by Cobb County residents are allocated to Cobb County to benefit its residents. Your donations are returned to the Marietta Salvation Army Corps to assist your fellow Marietta and Cobb County neighbors.

To enroll in Project SHARE, please visit [www.mariettaga.gov/384/ProjectSHARE](http://www.mariettaga.gov/384/ProjectSHARE), complete the PDF form and return it with your next utility payment, email it to [thepower@mariettaga.gov](mailto:thepower@mariettaga.gov), or mail it to:

Marietta Power and Water  
Customer Service Division  
675 North Marietta Parkway  
Marietta, GA 30060-1528

For more information on how Project SHARE helps those in need in your community, call Project SHARE at 800-25-SHARE. 💧

## Rely on BUDGET BILLING for Equal Utility Payments Throughout the Year

If you're looking for a better way to stabilize your monthly energy bill, then Marietta Power and Water's Budget Billing Program is perfect for you. You'll have the peace of mind knowing your bill will be consistent each month.

To qualify, you must be a Marietta Power and Water residential customer, have been a customer in good standing for 12 months, and commit to the Budget Billing Program for a full 12-month period.

Your monthly budget billing amount is based on the average of your actual charges for the last 12 months. This average will be the set amount of your bill every month for 12 consecutive months.

On your annual sign up date (12th bill), your account will be credited for any overpayment made or a charge for the difference owed will be reflected on that bill.

To sign up for budget billing, you can complete the online form on our website. Visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com), click on Online Forms under the Customer Service tab, then scroll down to Budget Billing and click on the form. Fill out the form and click submit. If you have any questions about the program, please call Marietta Power and Water's Customer Service Department at (770) 794-5150. 💧

## Calendar

### Saturdays Year Round

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Marietta Square  
9 a.m. until noon

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

### Sunday, February 24

Oscars Viewing Party

Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre  
Doors Open: 6:30 p.m. | Awards  
Ceremony: 8:00 p.m.

Join us at The Strand for a FREE Oscars  
viewing party

### Friday, April 12

Marietta Easter Egg Hunt

6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (770) 794-5601.  
Catered Southern Events will have a  
pop-up restaurant at The Strand with  
delicious eats, and a full bar will be  
available at concessions.  
For more information visit  
[earlsmithstrand.org](http://earlsmithstrand.org) or call (770) 293-0080.

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