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## EASY Ways to Save on Your Utility Bill this Summer

If you're looking for ways to save on your summer utility bill, you don't have to look far. Here are a few ways to stay comfortable this season without blowing your utility budget:

- Use heat-producing appliances such as the dryer and dishwasher during early morning or late evening when possible.
- Clean or replace air conditioning filters monthly and reuse only those filters specifically designed for reuse.
- In the bathroom, take cooler and shorter showers. With a new 2.5 gallon-per-minute low-flow shower head, a 10-minute shower will use only about 25 gallons of water.
- Install a programmable thermostat. If you already have a programmable thermostat, you can set the temperature higher or lower based on when you are home or when you are sleeping. The key is to establish a program that automatically reduces heating and cooling in your home when you don't need as much.
- If you have a manual thermostat, you can still see utility bill savings by adjusting the temperatures daily before you leave the house and when you go to sleep at night. Typically, adjusting temperatures 5-8 degrees (down in winter, up in summer) can

help save energy if you're going to be away from home for several hours.

- Use the Marietta Power and Water home energy calculator. In just a few clicks, you can see the savings to your energy bill by making home improvements or adjusting your thermostat. Visit [www.mariettopowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettopowerandwater.com) and click on the Residential tab, then on Residential Energy Calculators tab under Power.

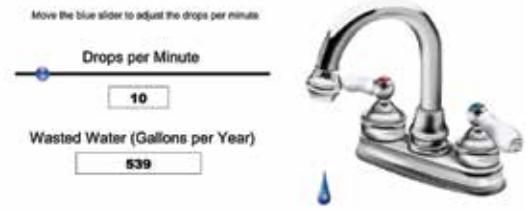
For more energy saving tips, visit [www.mariettopowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettopowerandwater.com). 💧



# Every Drop Counts! A Dripping Faucet Can Really Add Up

If you have a dripping faucet, make sure the faucet handles are turned off completely after each use. If the dripping continues, there may be a problem that is, most likely, simple to correct.

Dripping is frequently caused by a loose connection, which can be repaired with a few twists of a wrench, or caused by worn or broken washers, which can be easily replaced. A faucet that leaks even one drop per minute adds up to 53 gallons of wasted water per year. And, a steady drip of 10 drops per minute wastes 539 gallons per year!



To help you determine how much water and money you may be losing, Marietta Power and Water has created an easy-to-use Water Drip Calculator that can be found on the Marietta Power and Water website.

Visit [www.mariettopowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettopowerandwater.com) and click on the Resources tab in the top navigation, then click on Water Conservation. After selecting Drip Calculator, simply slide the blue bar along to discover how drops can translate into gallons of water lost each year.

For more water conservation tips, visit [www.mariettopowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettopowerandwater.com). 💧

## *It Is Important to Eat Fruits and Vegetables!*

Just as your house or business relies on Marietta Power and Water for energy, your body relies on healthy foods for fuel. Unfortunately, some Cobb residents do not have easy access to healthy foods in their community. Cobb2020: A Partnership for a Healthier Cobb County is working to change this! For more information, visit [cobb2020.com/healthy-eating](http://cobb2020.com/healthy-eating), then follow us on Facebook and Twitter @Cobb2020HIP for tips on healthy eating! 💧



## Calendar

### August 31-September 2

#### Art in the Park

Glover Park and Marietta Square  
10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

This fine art extravaganza features an artist market, children's art alley, and the famous Painted Pots. Displayed art will include paintings, photography, pottery, graphic arts, sculptures, jewelry, and woodworking from 175 of the country's finest artists.

For more information, visit [artparkmarietta.com/about/](http://artparkmarietta.com/about/).

### Last Friday of each month through September

#### Glover Park Concert Series Schedule

Glover Park in Marietta Square  
8 p.m.

The concert lineup:

Aug 23 Mo Soul Band R&B and Motown  
Sep 27 Men In Blues Classic Rock & Blues  
For more information, call (770) 794-5601.

### Saturdays, 9am to Noon Sundays, Noon to 3pm

#### 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.

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