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DOES YOUR HOME NEED AN ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKUP?



It is important to understand basic electrical safety principles and adhere to safe practices to avoid electrical accidents and home fires. Use this checklist to identify and correct any potential electrical hazards.

- 1. Check all the switches and outlets in your home.** If you have any switches or outlets that are not functioning correctly or are warm to the touch, contact a licensed electrician. There may be faulty wiring that can be hazardous.
- 2. Inspect all electrical cords in your home.** Damaged or incorrectly used cords can be a shock risk. Replace any cords with exposed wires and relocate cords that are stretched too tightly around furniture. Stretching cords can cut or pinch insulation, creating a shock or fire danger. Also, make sure electrical cords are properly rated for their use – indoor or outdoor.
- 3. Fuses and circuit breakers are safety devices that help prevent overloading**

your home electrical system. They stop the electrical current if it exceeds the safe level for some portion of your home electrical system. Frequent blown fuses or tripped circuits can signify a serious electrical problem. Contact a licensed electrician if you experience any of these issues.

- 4. Daylight saving time officially ends on Sunday, November 3 at 2 a.m.** While your phones and computers will automatically “fall back” one hour, you’ll still have to change your ovens, microwaves and other clocks — it is also a great time to test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working properly and to replace their batteries.

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.mariettopowerandwater.com. 💧

Handwashing Can Keep Us All from Getting Sick

Cobb & Douglas Public Health reminds residents that washing your hands frequently is one of the most important steps to avoid getting sick and spreading germs. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water to remove germs. Marietta Power and Water wants customers to also conserve water by turning off the faucet when not in direct use. Visit cdc.gov/handwashing for more tips on how to effectively wash your hands to stay healthy. 💧



Is Budget Billing Right for You?

An extremely hot summer or cold, harsh winter can wreak havoc on your utility bill. Now might be the time to consider Budget Billing. Marietta Power and Water's free Budget Billing Program is the perfect way to stabilize your monthly energy bill. Even if the weather fluctuates throughout the year, you will have the satisfaction of 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.

The application process is fast and easy! To sign up for budget billing, you can complete the online form on our website. Visit www.mariettagov.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.

For energy saving tips, visit www.mariettagov.com. 

Calendar

Saturday, October 19

Harvest Fest

9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
Glover Park in Historic
Marietta Square

Event Schedule:

- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Harvest Fest Market
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Touch-A-Truck
- 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.: Halloween Happenings Kid's Festival
- 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.: Costume Contest
- 3 p.m.: The pet costume contest will close out the show.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mariettagov.com/1258/Harvest-Fest>.

Saturday, October 19

Scarecrows in the Square

9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
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The annual competition will be on display throughout the park during the festival.

Awards will be given to Best in Show and 1st Place in the following categories: School/Club, Business and Non-Profit Organization.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mariettagov.com/1258/Harvest-Fest>.

Monday, November 11

15th Annual Veterans Day Parade

11 a.m.
The parade begins at the Roswell Street Baptist Church and marches up towards the Marietta Square and back down Lawrence Street.

Please sign up to participate to honor all veterans and commemorate those who have paid the ultimate price in serving the United States of America. For more information and to register to participate, please visit: https://cityofmarietta.formstack.com/forms/veterans_day_parade. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, October 11, 2019 at 5 p.m.

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