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## Happy Holidays

From Everyone at  
 Marietta Power  
 and Water

Marietta Power and Water would like to take this occasion to express our appreciation for the opportunity to serve you and those close to you. We hope this special time of year brings you joy and peace.

### Increased Water Restrictions Are Now in Effect for 52 Counties

The Environmental Protection Division has issued a level 2 drought response for north Georgia, including all of Cobb and surrounding counties. Level 2 drought response limits outdoor watering to only two days a week on an odd/even schedule.

- Even-numbered addresses may water Wednesdays and Saturdays (4 p.m. to 10 a.m.).
- Odd-numbered addresses may water Thursdays and Sundays (4 p.m. to 10 a.m.).

Prohibited outdoor water uses include:

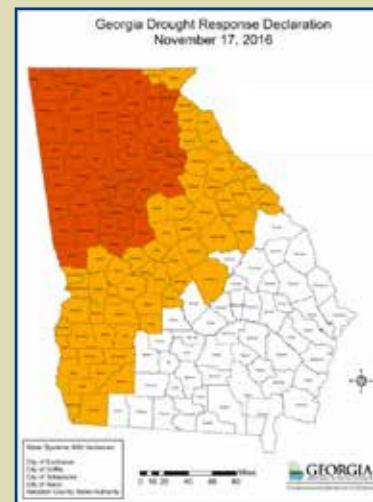
- Washing of hard surfaces such as streets and sidewalks
- Water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains
- The use of fire hydrants -- except for firefighting and public safety
- Non-commercial washing of vehicles
- Non-commercial pressure washing
- Fundraising car washes

The following activities are presently allowed under both a Level 1 or Level 2 drought response:

- Irrigation of personal food gardens may be done at any time during the day
- Irrigation of new and replanted plant, seed or turf may be done at any time of day for 30 days after installation

- Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses may be done at any time of day, and hand watering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container may be done at any time of day
- General landscape watering may be done between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. on the designated odd / even watering schedule

Additional water conservation information can be found at [epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation](http://epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation). 



# Have a Happy and Safe Holiday with These Holiday Decorating Tips

Twinkling lights and ornaments help capture the spirit of the holiday, but don't let your holiday season become dampedened by a fire. Follow these simple tips to keep you and your family safe this holiday season:

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Check the intended use of any decorative lights you hang. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not for both.
- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Check electrical extension cords for wear and make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

For more energy tips around the home, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at <https://www.mariettaga.gov/city/mpw/power/energy>. 

## Calendar

### Now through March 5, 2017

#### 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).

Marietta Power and Water will be closed closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 in observance of the Christmas and New Year Day holidays.

### Thursday, December 1, 2016

#### City of Marietta Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Glover Park in Marietta Square

#### Schedule of Events

4:30pm - Pebblebrook Gospel Chorus	6:30pm - Keheley Cougar Chorus
4:45pm - FUMC Preschool Choir	6:50pm - West Side Singing Stingers
5:05 pm - The Walker Lower School Chorus	7:10pm - Park Street Performing Panthers
5:20pm - SANTA ARRIVES	7:30pm - A.L. Burruss Chorus
5:25pm - Marietta First Baptist Preschool	7:50pm - Joyful Noise Band
5:45pm - Sawyer Road Singing Starfish	For more information, visit <a href="http://www.mariettaga.gov">www.mariettaga.gov</a> .
6:00pm - CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING	
6:10pm - Hickory Hills Elementary Chorus	

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6:50pm - West Side Singing Stingers  
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#### Welcome to Santa on the Marietta Square: A Very Merry Experience!

For the first time, you may reserve your time with Santa in advance!  
For more information, visit [www.winterwonderlandmarietta.com/santas-schedule/](http://www.winterwonderlandmarietta.com/santas-schedule/)

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