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*Happy 2017
from everyone at
Marietta Power and Water*

Marietta Power and Water wishes you and your family good health, happiness, success and prosperity in the new year! We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you.

Conserve Water This Winter

As the drought in Georgia continues, Marietta Power and Water encourages you to take measures to limit your water use this winter. You can conserve substantial amounts of water if you:

Check for Leaks

There are some easy ways to look for leaks in your house. Water marks on floors, walls or ceilings can indicate indoor pipe leakage. Outside, standing water on the ground or on pavement when there has been no rain can indicate a broken underground pipe. Fixing these leaks will save water as well as lower your utility bill.

Check for toilet leaks by putting some food coloring or dye tablets in the tank. Wait 30 minutes. Do not flush the toilet during this time. If the water in the bowl changes color, you have a leak. To determine which part of the toilet is the problem, draw a line inside the tank at the water level. Turn off the water supply to the toilet. Wait another 30 minutes. If the water level stays the same, the leak is the refill valve or float. If the

water level drops below the line, the problem is the flush valve or flapper.

Change Faucet and Showerheads

Your current fixtures may not be very efficient. If your showerhead uses more than 2.5 Gallons per Minute (GPM), you could save water by replacing it with a new low-flow showerhead. Low-flow showerheads conserve water by mixing air with water to reduce the amount of water, but still feel like higher flowing fixtures. If your faucets (bathroom, kitchen or other) use more than 2.0 GPM, consider changing your existing aerator.

A Few More Ways to Save

- Keep showers under five minutes.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Run the dishwasher and clothes washer only when it is full.

For more tips on conserving water, please visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 



Be Prepared and Prevent Frozen Pipes

Each winter, freezing conditions can cause your water pipes to freeze, and in some cases, burst. The following tips can help prevent your pipes from freezing:

- Wrap pipes nearest exterior walls and in crawl spaces with pipe insulation or with heating tape. This can prevent freezing, especially for interior pipes that run along outside walls. Also, insulate pipes located in unheated areas of your home.
- Disconnect all gardening hoses and install covers on all outside faucets.
- Check your faucets for water flow and pressure before you go to sleep and again when you wake up.
- Identify cold air drafts coming in from a chimney or window and caulk gaps that are near pipes.
- If you plan to be away from home for an extended period of time, shut off your water completely.

And lastly, identify the location of the main water valve and the valve on your water heater. Learning the location of these valves may come in handy during an emergency.

For more energy and money saving tip, visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com. 

Calendar

Saturdays (Year Round)

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Marietta Square

9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Free

For more information, visit www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com.

Now through February 26

Marietta Square Winter Wonderland

Marietta Square

Visit www.winterwonderlandmarietta.com for more information.

Saturdays in February

Marietta Food Tours

11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Tickets \$45.00

Visit www.mariettafoodtours.com for more information.

Saturday, February 6

Earl Smith Strand Theatre

8 – 10 p.m.

Sing along to your favorite ABBA songs.

Visit earlsmithstrand.org for more information.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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