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Water Smartly this Spring for a Beautiful Yard and Garden this Summer

With warmer weather just around the corner, we all look forward to spending more time outdoors. Here are a few tips to help conserve water and still enjoy a lovely lawn and bountiful garden this summer and fall.

1. One of the best ways to conserve water outdoors is to take advantage of spring and summer rains. A vegetable garden generally requires about an inch of rain a week to do well. If we've had a good soaking shower, you can probably skip watering your garden for a week.
2. To minimize evaporation, water your lawn and garden in the morning when temperatures are cooler.
3. Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds moisture better than a shorter lawn.
4. Avoid watering your lawn on windy days when most of the water blows away or evaporates.
5. Check your sprinkler system for leaks and broken sprinkler heads and repair promptly, if necessary. Adjust sprinkler heads to prevent overspray on sidewalks

or roadways. Also consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler. Soaker hoses more efficiently disperse water to the soil.

6. Aerate your lawn at least once a year so water can reach the roots instead of running off the surface.
7. Potted plants sitting on concrete or asphalt surfaces during hot weather will lose water more quickly. If possible, move containers away from these areas. Water container plants thoroughly until water seeps from drainage holes. Thorough watering encourages deep roots resulting in less frequent watering needs. Apply water directly to the soil instead of showering foliage.
8. Group plants with the same watering needs to avoid over watering some and under watering others.
9. Use a layer of mulch on the surface of your planting beds to retain moisture and minimize weed growth that competes for water.

For more water conservation tips, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at www.mariettapowerandwater.com.

Be Aware of Scammers.

Scammers are contacting Marietta Power and Water business customers claiming that they need to pay their bill or that their service will be disconnected. The scammers are then asking customers to purchase prepaid cards in order to make a payment. Please know that Marietta Power and Water representatives do not contact our customers by phone regarding bill payments, and you should never comply with any request for information over the phone. Area law enforcement is aware of the scams and is working with Marietta Power and Water officials to resolve the problem. If this should happen to you, get as much information from the caller as possible and contact Marietta Power and Water at (770) 794-5150.

Get Prepared by Creating Your Own Emergency Ready Kit

Thunderstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes and other unexpected events sometimes happen in Georgia. Planning ahead and being prepared for these events can help you and your family weather storms.

Below are a few suggested items to include:

- Water
- Non-perishable Food
- Can Opener
- Radio
- Emergency Charger for Phones, Tablets and Laptops
- Flashlight
- Extra Batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Whistle
- Moist Towelettes
- Garbage Bags

Additional items to consider include: prescription medication, an extra pair of glasses, pet food, and matches.

To download an Emergency Ready Kit checklist and learn more about how to plan for a disaster, visit www.ready.ga.gov.

Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and your vehicles.

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security's (GEMA/HS) Ready Georgia provides resources to help you prepare. It's also important to develop a disaster preparedness plan with specific information about how to contact loved ones and reconnect if you are separated during a disaster situation. 



Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Ready Kit:

- Water At least 3 gallons per person, for drinking and hygiene
- Food At least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food
- Can opener For food, if kit contains canned food
- Radio Battery-powered or hand crank NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries
- Emergency charger for mobile devices
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle To signal for help
- Face mask To help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties For personal hygiene
- Wrench or pliers To turn off utilities
- Local maps

Additional Items to Consider Adding to a Ready Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water For your pet
- Important family documents Such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material Such as a first aid book or information from Ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket For each person. Consider adding bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate
- Complete change of clothing Include a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider adding clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

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Calendar

Saturdays Year Round

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Marietta Square
9 a.m. until noon
For more information, visit
www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com
or call (770) 499-9393.

Last Friday each month, April through September

Glover Park Concert Series presented by LGE Community Credit Union

Glover Park in Historic Marietta Square
8 p.m. Free admission. The 2018 concert lineup:

April 27	Band X	Party Rock band
May 25	Electric Avenue	80's MTV experience
May 26	Symphony on the Square	Orchestral Pops music
June 29	Bogey & The Viceroy	Classic Soul to today's hits
July 27	Grains of Sand	Carolina Beach
August 24 (4th Friday)	Crystal Clear Band	Variety Party band
September 28	The Mustangs	Rock and Roll

For more information, visit www.mariettaga.gov/concerts or call (770) 794-5601.

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