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## May is National Electrical Safety Month

**Use This Checklist to Spot Possible Electrical Safety Issues Before They Happen**

We should always be cautious around electric appliances, equipment, and power lines, but with National Electrical Safety Month just around the corner, now is the perfect time to check for electrical hazards in your home. Use the following checklist and get started!

- Check each light in each room. Lamps that have a higher wattage bulb than recommended may overheat, leading to fire issues.
- Check the location of each space heater. Make sure space heaters are placed at least three feet away from anything combustible such as blankets or newspapers.
- Check all wall outlets. If a switch or outlet does not operate correctly, or is warm to the touch, have an electrician check the outlet for

faulty wiring. Usually, a warm outlet or switch is an indication of unsafe wiring.

- Check Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) Protected Outlets. GFCIs can prevent electrocutions, so make sure they're working by checking each GFCI every month.
- Periodically check your large and small appliances. Small counter top appliances like toasters, coffee pots and blenders should be unplugged when not in use. Also, relocate any small appliances near the sink area to a location away from water. Mixing electricity and water can result in an electric shock or fire hazard. Large appliances like refrigerators, washers or dryers should be checked periodically to make sure all vents and outlet areas are free from combustibles. 



## As the Warmer Weather Approaches, Remember to Stay Hydrated

Marietta Power and Water has provided the community with clean, fresh water for over 100 years. Cobb & Douglas Public Health reminds residents that staying hydrated helps regulate body temperature, weight, digestion and mood. It also promotes cardiovascular health and aids joints and muscles. Try to drink 8 to 10 8-ounce glasses of water per day. Visit [cobbanddouglaspublichealth.com](http://cobbanddouglaspublichealth.com) for additional information and resources on staying healthy! 

# Are *Water Leaks* INCREASING Your Water Bill?



It is important to routinely check your faucets, toilets and outside taps for water leaks. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

- The average family can waste 180 gallons of water per week, or 9,400 gallons of water annually.
- 10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons of water or more per day.
- A leaking faucet at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons a year.

Leaks can waste hundreds and even thousands of gallons of water. Some leaks are obvious while other leaks are more difficult to spot.

Water spigots, the base of your faucet and under your sink are common places to check for leaks. Here are a few tips on how to check for leaks that may go unnoticed:

- Check your water usage during a cooler month when you use less water outside. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, you may have a leak.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour timeframe when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you may have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Flush your toilet immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- Check faucet gaskets and pipe fittings and feel for any water on the outside of your pipes to check for surface leaks.

For more water conservation tips, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com) and click on Residential in the top navigation, then water and Conserve & Protect. 

## Calendar



### April through September, third Friday of each month

#### Glover Park Concert Series

Glover Park in Marietta Square

8 p.m. Rain or Shine

The concert lineup:

April 26	KRP Band	Pop & rock
May 31	7 Sharp 9	Rock & Roll
June 28	Chicago Rewired	Chicago Tribute Band
July 26	The Tams	Carolina Beach Music
August 23*	Mo Soul Band	R&B and Motown
September 27	Men In Blues	Classic Rock & Blues

Concerts are free. For more information or to make table reservations, visit [www.mariettaga.gov/concerts](http://www.mariettaga.gov/concerts).

\*The August date is the 4th Friday

### Saturday, April 27

#### 10th Annual Women's Brunch

Zion Baptist Church

10 a.m. until Noon

Advance tickets can be purchased online at:

[www.10womenofhope.org](http://www.10womenofhope.org) or order by mailing a check to: 10 Women of Hope, P.O. Box 235, Marietta, GA 30061. All net proceeds benefit 10 Women of Hope's mission to provide one-time financial support to stable single-parent families in Cobb County who are experiencing a critical need.

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