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## TORNADO PREPAREDNESS

A tornado is a violent, rotating column of air that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground. It can destroy homes and buildings, turn over cars, and create flying debris. Tornadoes can be reported any time throughout the year but are most common in Georgia during the months of March, April and May. Make a plan today so you are prepared the next time a tornado is reported.

If a Tornado Watch is issued for your area, it means that weather conditions are capable of producing tornadoes. Be prepared to take cover. If a Tornado Warning is issued for your area, you should take action immediately! This means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar.

Immediately go to a basement or sturdy building if possible. If you do not have a basement, find a small interior room on the lowest level of your house. Stay away from windows, outside doors and outside walls. Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

If you are in a car or outdoors and cannot get to a building, cover your head and neck with your arms and cover your body with a coat or blanket. If you are in a vehicle, do not try to outrun a tornado.

For more information on how to prepare for natural disasters, visit Ready Georgia at [ready.ga.gov/make-a-plan/](http://ready.ga.gov/make-a-plan/) to create an emergency plan for you and your family. 

## 8 Tips to Help You Through a Power Outage

In the event of a power outage, you can feel confident we will work hard to restore your power as quickly as possible. Should you experience a service disruption, here are eight tips to help minimize the inconvenience:

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1. Keep a battery-operated radio on hand and stay tuned to stations which broadcast the updated National Weather Service reports.
2. Place flashlights throughout your house. Keep spare batteries on hand in case flashlights go out.
3. Make sure your cell phone is fully charged.
4. Keep snacks on hand that do not require refrigeration, such as nuts, crackers and protein bars.
5. If your home has an alternative heating source, such as a wood stove or fireplace, maintain an adequate supply of wood throughout the cold months.
6. Maintain backup generators according to manufacturers' recommendations and store an ample supply of fuel in a safe place.
7. Disconnect appliances and electronics that were in use when the power went out. After power is restored, wait 10 or 15 minutes before gradually turning them back on — this will protect your devices and avoid overloading the power system.
8. Make the most of your downtime by spending quality time with family by chatting or playing games.

For more tips, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). 

# **Saving \$ Can Be as Easy as Fixing a Dripping Faucet**

A water faucet that drips 5 water drops per minute can waste 269 gallons per year. A steady drip of 10 drops per minute can waste 539 gallons per year. That's a lot of money going down the drain.

To help you determine how much water and money you may be losing, Marietta Power and Water has created an easy-to-use Water Drip Calculator which may be found on the Marietta Power and Water website. Visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com) and in the top navigation click on Residential, and under Water, click on Conserve & Protect. After selecting Water Drip Calculator, simply



slide the blue bar along to discover how drops can translate into gallons of water lost each year. For more water conservation tips, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). 

## **Calendar**

### **Saturdays Year Round**

**Marietta Square Farmers Market**

Marietta Square

9 a.m. until noon

For more information, visit

[www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com](http://www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com)  
or call (770) 499-9393.

### **Friday, April 12**

**Marietta Easter Egg Hunt**

Franklin Gateway Sports Complex

Free Admission

- 6:30 p.m. – Concession stand and gates open on Field 3 for family fun with inflatables, games, & DJ Entertainment.
- 7:00 p.m. – Easter Bunny arrives on Field 3
- 8:30 p.m. – 3 years old and younger EGGLOW Scramble on Field 2
- 8:40 p.m. – 4-6 years old EGGLOW Scramble on Field 1
- 8:50 p.m. – 7-10 years old EGGLOW Scramble on Field 2

The event organizers encourage you to arrive early to find parking and your child's age group. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos (bring your own camera). For more information, call (770) 794-5601 or visit [www.marietta.com/easter-egg-hunt](http://www.marietta.com/easter-egg-hunt).

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