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## GEORGIA WATERING GUIDELINES

Despite all the rain this summer, Georgia residents are still required to follow the Georgia Water Stewardship Act.

This act allows daily outdoor watering for lawn and plant maintenance between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. by anyone whose water is supplied by a water system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division.

The following outdoor water uses are also allowed daily at any time of the day by anyone:

- Irrigation of personal food gardens;
- Irrigation of new and replanted plants, seed,

or turf in landscapes, golf courses, or sports turf fields during installation and for a period of 30 days immediately following the date of installation;

- Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses;
- Hand-watering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container;
- Use of water withdrawn from private water wells or surface water by an owner or operator of property if such well or surface water is on said property.

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**Bathroom**

- Replace older toilets with high efficiency toilets. You may qualify for a toilet rebate. Go to [www.northgeorgiawater.org](http://www.northgeorgiawater.org) to learn more.
- Reduce your shower by 2 minutes and you can save 5 gallons per shower.
- Turn off the water while you shave or brush your teeth and you can save at least 100 gallons a week.
- Check your toilet for leaks. Put food color in your toilet tank and wait 10 minutes. If it seeps into your toilet bowl, you have a leak.

**Kitchen**

- Scrape your dishes instead of rinsing before placing in the dishwasher, and you can save 6 gallons a day.
- Limit dishwashing to FULL loads, and you can save at least 2 gallons a load.
- Use the fridge to thaw frozen food.

**Around the House**

- Look for EPA WaterSense and EnergyStar labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures. These products have been independently tested and verified to save at least 20% more water compared to conventional products.
- Fix leaky faucets as soon as you notice them. A leak of 60 drips a minute wastes 192 gallons a month.
- Do only FULL loads of laundry. Cutting back one load of laundry can save up to 45 gallons per load.

**We all need to use wisely.**



**Lawn and Garden**

- Water lawns and outdoor plants only between 4pm and 10am. It's Georgia law.
- More plants die in Georgia from overwatering than underwatering. One inch of rain or water every 7-10 days is all your plants need.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.
- Install a rain sensor so your system won't run when it's raining.
- Landscape with native plants or plants well adapted to our region.
- Water the base of the plant instead of leaves. This saves water and reduces disease.
- Group plants with the same watering needs together.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway, sidewalk and deck.

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Outdoor water use for any purpose other than watering plants, such as power washing or washing cars, is still restricted to the current odd/even watering schedule:

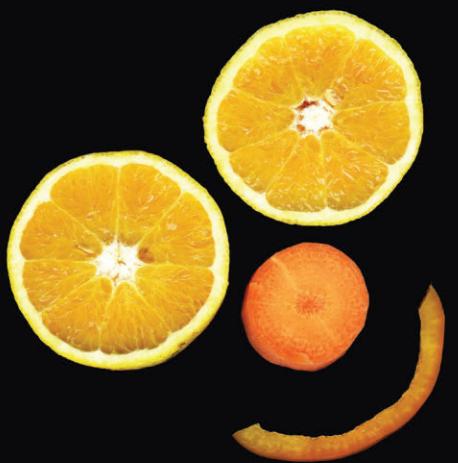
- Odd-numbered addresses can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses can water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

To get more information on how to perform a Household Water Audit, use the Water Drip or Shower Usage Calculators, or to download a Water Conservation brochure visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). In the top navigation bar, select Residential Tab, then Conserve & Protect. 

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*Energy Matters in Your Home* is designed to help you understand your energy use, lower your utility bills, and take action with a no-nonsense, energy-saving plan. The guide also provides websites and organizations that are working with Marietta Power and Water to provide energy efficiency tips.

Visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com), click the Customer Service tab, then Residential Saving Energy. Fill out the online form and press submit. It's that easy! 



## Cobb2020 is Dedicated to Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle

Marietta Power and Water has you covered regarding your home utility needs, but who has you covered on expanding the delivery of quality health services? Cobb2020: A Partnership for a Healthier Cobb County is a local group of health and business leaders dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles and improving access to health services for the Cobb County community. To learn more, visit [cobb2020.com](http://cobb2020.com) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter @Cobb2020HIP. 

## Calendar



**August 31 - September 2**  
Art in the Park

Glover Park and Marietta Square  
10 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
This fine art extravaganza features an artist market, children's art alley, and the famous Painted Pots. Art displayed will include paintings, photography, pottery, graphic arts, sculptures, jewelry, and woodworking from 175 of the country's finest artists. For more information, visit [artparkmarietta.com/about/](http://artparkmarietta.com/about/).

**Last Friday of each month now through September**  
Glover Park Concert Series Schedule

Glover Park in Marietta Square  
8 p.m.  
The concert lineup:  
Aug 23 Mo Soul Band R&B and Motown  
Sep 27 Men In Blues Classic Rock & Blues  
For more information, call the Marietta Parks & Recreation Department at (770) 794-5601.

**Each Thursday in September**  
Brown Bag Lunch Series

Glover Park in Marietta Square  
Noon to 1 p.m.  
Concerts are Free  
For more information, call the Marietta Parks & Recreation Department at (770) 794-5601.

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