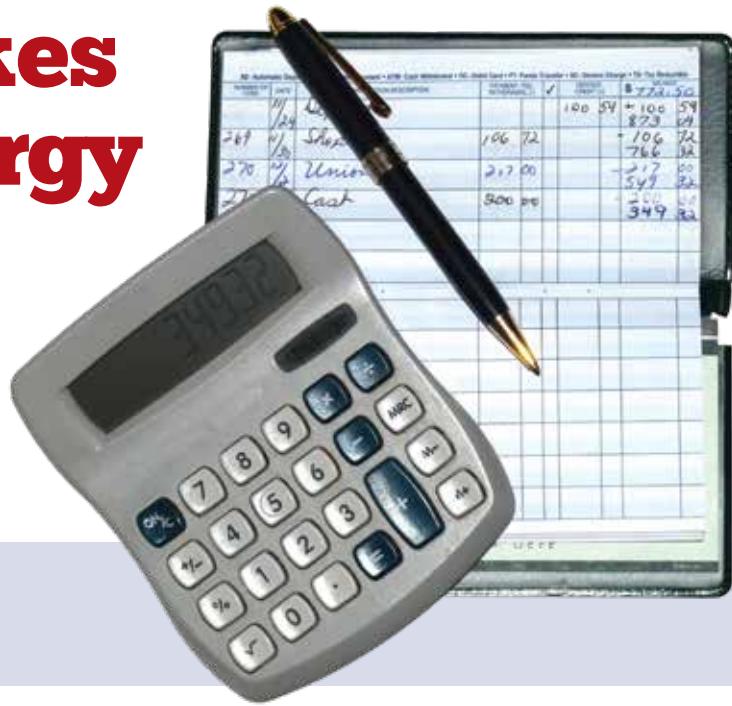




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## Avoid Spikes in Your Energy Bill with Budget Billing



We all know our energy bill can fluctuate depending upon the time of year and the weather. If you're looking for a better way to stabilize your monthly energy bill, then Marietta Power and Water's free Budget Billing Program is perfect for you. You'll have the satisfaction of knowing your bill will be consistent each month.

To qualify, you must be a Marietta Power and Water residential customer, have been a customer in good standing for 12 months, and commit to the Budget Billing Program for a full 12-month period.

Your monthly budget billing amount is based on the average of your actual charges for the last 12 months. This average will be the set amount of your bill every month for 12 consecutive months. On your annual sign up date (12th bill), your account will be credited for any overpayment made or a charge for the difference owed will be reflected on that bill.

The application process is fast and easy. To sign up for budget billing, you can complete the online form on our website. Visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com), click on Online Forms under the Customer Service tab, then scroll down to Budget Billing and click on the form. Fill out the form and click submit. If you have any questions about the program, please call Marietta Power and Water's Customer Service Department at (770) 794-5150.

For energy saving tips, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). 

# October is National Fire Prevention Month

# Now is the Perfect Time to Start Practicing Fire Safety

Celebrate National Fire Prevention Month by creating and putting a fire safety plan into action. Follow these simple steps to get started:

## Smoke Alarms

- Start an annual tradition of testing and cleaning your smoke alarm. You should test your alarm monthly, replace the battery once each year and replace your entire smoke alarm every 10 years.
- Place a smoke alarm on every floor of your home.
- A smoke alarm should also be placed in every bedroom and outside of every sleeping area.
- Install a smoke alarm in your kitchen, but to avoid cooking nuisances install the alarm at least 10 feet away from your stove or cooktop.
- All smoke alarms should be installed either on the ceiling or high on the wall, but no more than 10 inches from the top of the wall.

## Create an Escape Plan

- Start by drawing a map of your home that includes the location of all your windows and doors.
- Identify two exits for every room in your house.
- Designate a place where everyone will meet outside your home, far enough away so that everyone will be safe.
- Review the plan with everyone in your home and practice your plan using different ways of getting out of your home.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.

Remember, if you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to avoid smoke inhalation. Call 911 to report the fire as soon as you are safely outside of your home. For more home safety and fire prevention tips, visit the Marietta Fire Department website at [www.mariettaga.gov/149/Fire](http://www.mariettaga.gov/149/Fire). 

## 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.

### Saturdays

#### Marietta Square Food Tour

11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

- 10+ tastings, bites & sips
  - Savor appetizing culinary selections at 7 different establishments
  - Enjoy a leisurely stroll through Glover Park & Historic Marietta Square
- For more information please visit [www.mariettafoodtours.com](http://www.mariettafoodtours.com) or call 1 (866) 736-6343.

### Saturday, November 10

#### 14th Annual Veterans Day Parade

Roswell Street toward Marietta Square  
11 a.m.

This year's Grand Marshal is Brigadier General Tom Blackstock, Commander, 78th Troop Command of the Georgia Army National Guard. Visit [cityofmarietta.formstack.com/forms/veterans\\_day\\_parade](http://cityofmarietta.formstack.com/forms/veterans_day_parade) and register to participate and help the City of Marietta and the Kiwanis Club of Marietta honor all veterans and commemorate those who have paid the ultimate price in serving the United States of America.

For a complete list of City of Marietta events, please visit [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov) and click on Calendar of Events.

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