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Since cooler temperatures are finally here, now is the perfect time to winterize your home and prepare for the colder temperatures to come. Here are some quick, low-cost fixes that can help you stay within budget:

- Use clear weather strip tape on windows along the gap where the glass meets the frame, and also on any cracks that may be present.
- Seal with caulk along the basement sill plate and around door and window frames. Stop air leaks under exterior doors by using a door sweep.

- Install foam gaskets behind light switch and electrical outlet cover plates.
- Seal holes around water pipes and stuff insulation into big holes around plumbing fixtures.

If your home still feels drafty and cold after detecting and correcting air leaks, you may need to add insulation to the exterior walls. Other potential problem areas include the crawl space and basement. Check with a professional contractor for insulating these areas in your home.

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

## TOP 4 HOLIDAY LIGHTING SAFETY TIPS

Here are four ways to keep electrical fires from spoiling your festivities this year:

**TIP #1: Purchase electrical lights and decorations from reputable retailers only.** Make sure they have been tested and approved by a nationally recognized independent testing laboratory. Also make sure you use indoor lights indoors only and outdoor lights outdoors only.

**TIP #2: Switch to LED Lights.** If you are in the market to purchase new holiday lights, consider LED lights. LED lights are cool to the touch compared to traditional lights and use less electricity – a nice way to save on your electric bill.

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**TIP #3: Turn off all holiday lights and electrical decorations at bedtime and other times**

**when they are unattended.** Consider using pre-set timers to help with the task. Turning lights off at designated times will not only reduce your fire hazard, it will also help keep electric costs down.

**TIP #4: Check extension cords for damage before use and never use one that is damaged or hot.**

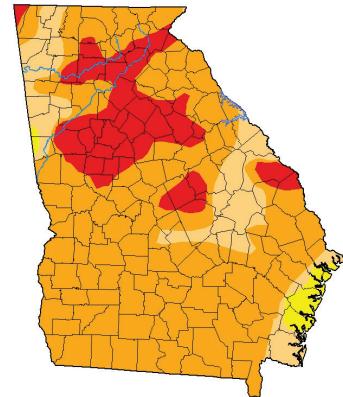
Keep extension cords out of high traffic areas. Also, don't place them under rugs or carpet or through walls and ceilings. Protect cord insulation by never stapling cords to walls or baseboards. Outdoors, keep all extension cords and light strings clear of walkways and standing water.

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## Georgia EPD Declares Level 1 Drought Response, Calls for Water Conservation

Worsening drought conditions throughout most of the state have prompted a Level 1 Drought Response declaration from the Environmental Protection Division (EPD). As a result, most of the counties in Georgia must follow the Level 1 Drought Response requirements.

Please remember there is a standard outdoor watering schedule that Georgians should follow which was put in place through the Water Stewardship Act of 2010. Under this Act, all types of outdoor water uses are acceptable, but landscape watering should only occur before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. daily. Watering during this time frame minimizes evaporation during the warmest part of the day and therefore makes the water use more effective for the plants and grasses. Marietta Power and Water asks that our customers continue to be good stewards of our water and conserve when possible. 



**Intensity**

	None
	D0 Abnormally Dry
	D1 Moderate Drought
	D2 Severe Drought
	D3 Extreme Drought
	D4 Exceptional Drought

## Calendar

### Thursday, December 5

Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa on the Square

#### Glover Park in Historic Marietta Square, 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Kick off the holiday season with The City of Marietta's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in conjunction with the arrival of Santa Claus in Glover Park on the Marietta Square. The fun begins at 4:00 p.m. with performances by local school choruses. Santa makes his grand entrance via a City of Marietta firetruck at 5:20 p.m. followed by the lighting of the City's Christmas Tree at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, children can meet Santa until 8:00 p.m. that evening.

#### Event Schedule

4:00 p.m. Local School Chorus Performances until 8:00 p.m.

5:20 p.m. Santa's Arrival on the Square

5:30 p.m. Meet and Greet with Santa until 8:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. City's Christmas Tree Lighting

6:05 p.m. Festival of Trees

Marietta Power and Water will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Marietta Power and Water will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in celebration of the Christmas Holiday.

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