



# Connected

Despite these difficult and unprecedented times, the end of the year brings us no greater joy than the opportunity to wish you and your loved ones season's greetings. It is in this spirit that we say thank you and send best wishes for a joyous holiday season. We look forward to serving you in the year to come.

## CALCULATE THE ENERGY COST FOR YOUR HOME ENTERTAINMENT DEVICES

Customers on a quest to reduce their energy usage will appreciate the Marietta Power and Water Television Calculator. The TV Calculator is easy to use and helps you calculate your TV, Cable box, DVD/DVR and Game Console energy usage and costs.

To use this handy calculator, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com) and click on the Residential tab in the top navigation bar. Once on the Residential page, click on Power, then Residential

Energy Calculator. The TV Calculator is one of six calculators available to our residential customers.

Click on the TV Calculator icon and start your query. The calculator gives you the option to calculate the energy usage and cost when your devices are being used or when they are just plugged in.

By entering basic information about your entertainment devices, the calculator easily estimates your energy usage and costs. In just a few clicks, you can adjust the usage time and number of devices to see the savings to your energy bill if you were to use your entertainment devices less or eliminate one altogether.

Follow these simple steps:

1. Select the type and screen size of your TV
2. Determine total weekday use, then weekend use.
3. As you add each entertainment device, the energy usage and costs update in real time.

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Number	Select Components	Hrs/Day Weekdays	Hrs/Day Weekends	Annual kWh	Annual Cost
0	>50" LED	3	5	0	\$0
0	40"-49" LED	3	5	0	\$0
0	30"-39" LED	3	5	0	\$0
0	>50" Plasma	3	5	0	\$0

**Total Annual kWh: 699**

**Total Annual Cost: \$82**

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It's that easy! You can also calculate the difference in energy use and cost between an LCD, DLP, Plasma and traditional tube televisions. This is only an estimate of your

actual energy use but it may provide information on where you can cut costs.

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

# Best Practices for Winter Watering



As the temperatures cool, it's important to know exactly how much water your plants need before you turn on the sprinkler. Smart watering practices reduce runoff and may decrease the need for pesticides and fertilizers.

These tips will help keep your lawn green and your water consumption and utility bill down:

- 1. When using a sprinkler, monitor the amount of time you water. If water begins to pool, turn off your sprinkler to prevent overwatering and weed growth. Watering plants or grass too frequently can drown plants or result in shallow roots.
- 2. The quickest way to reduce water waste is to locate and repair existing leaks. Be sure to inspect all exterior fixtures, as well as basements and crawlspaces if applicable.

- 3. When temperatures drop below 32 degrees, exposed water pipes can freeze. To reduce the likelihood of freezing, wrap water pipes in unheated areas with insulation tubes.
- 4. In the event your property experiences a catastrophic water leak, knowing the location of your shut-off valve could save you money on water and damage repairs.
- 5. During any season, Georgians must still follow the non-drought outdoor water use schedule required in the Water Stewardship Act of 2010. This law allows all types of outdoor water use, but landscape watering should only take place before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. daily. This is done to limit evaporation during the warmest part of the day.

For more water conservation ideas, visit [www.mariettagov.com](http://www.mariettagov.com). 

## Calendar

Event information may have changed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Please confirm details with event organizers before attending an event.

### Saturdays Year Round

Marietta Square Farmers Market

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com](http://www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com). You can also order from all your favorite vendors online. For more information, visit [www.store.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com](http://www.store.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com).

In an effort to assist our local businesses during this difficult time, the City of Marietta has made the following temporary provisions:

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 in observance of Christmas and will also be closed on Friday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

### Outdoor Tents for Restaurant Dining

The Marietta City Council has amended the City's Outdoor Café Ordinance to allow the temporary usage of tents with tables for outdoor dining.

### 15-Minute Parking

In an effort to promote downtown, small-businesses, the Marietta City Council voted unanimously to establish seven, 15-minute parking spots around the Square for curbside pickup.

To help assist local businesses, the City of Marietta will be sharing resources and assistance opportunities as they arise. Please visit <https://www.mariettagov.com/1362/Marietta-COVID-19>.

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

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