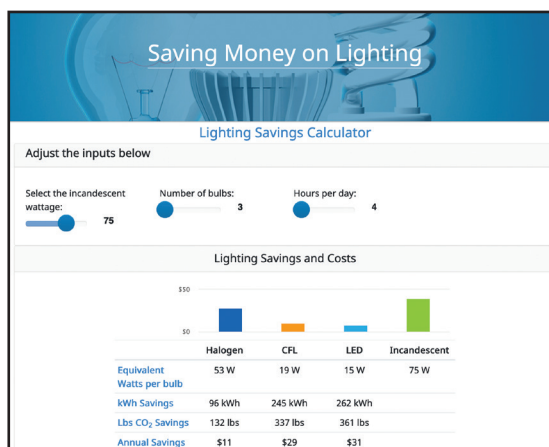




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## Lighting Your Home for Less



If you are looking for more ways to lower your utility bills, knowing which light bulb to use can make a big difference in your lighting costs.

LED (Light-Emitting Diode) light bulbs are today's most energy-efficient. They last longer, are more durable, and offer comparable or better light quality than other types of lighting — making LEDs the clear leader when looking to save energy.

To learn how much you can save by switching to LEDs, use the Marietta Power and Water Lighting Savings Calculator. To use this handy calculator, first visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com).

- Click on the "Residential" tab in the top navigation bar.
- Click on "Residential Energy Calculator."

- Click the Lighting Savings Calculator button.
- Enter the information requested for any incandescent light bulbs you have in your home. The calculator will supply a chart showing annual savings when you replace these bulbs.

Of course, one of the simplest and most effective strategies – and one you can start right away – is to simply turn off the lights when you leave a room. For more energy saving tips, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com).

## Spring Watering Tips

Whether you're gearing up for a large vegetable garden or planning your annual flower beds, you can plant the seeds now for big water savings this spring. Here are a few water saving tips to get you started:

- Check outdoor spigots and hose connections for leaks. A pin hole leak in a pipe or loose connection can waste up to 170 gallons of water a day.
- Use a nozzle that can be shut off or be adjusted to a fine spray. When you're finished, shut off the water at the house instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks.

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- Ask your nursery for a list of low-maintenance plants, such as Georgia native and Southern climate plants which need less water.
- Check your sprinklers to be sure they are properly adjusted and be sure they are watering your plants and not the sidewalk.

By taking these few simple steps, both your yard and your wallet will be ready to welcome spring! For more ways to save water, visit [www.mariettagov.com](http://www.mariettagov.com).



## Be Prepared for Tornado Season

Tornadoes typically occur from March through May with the peak being in April. Tornadoes are also most likely to happen in the midafternoon to early evening, but can occur any time of the day or night. Should a tornado occur, it is important that you have supplies on hand to help take care of you and your family in case of a disaster.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

MAKE A PLAN

BUILD A KIT

BE INFORMED

First, know the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning:

- A tornado watch means weather conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop.
- A tornado warning means either a tornado is occurring or expected to develop shortly in your area, and you need to take shelter at once.

Second, prepare a family disaster plan in advance and educate yourself on tornado safety.

Third, make a Ready Kit for at least three days of self-sufficiency. Below are a few recommended items to include in a Basic Ready Kit:

- One gallon of water per person, per day, for at least three days.
- A three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- A can opener if your kit contains canned food.
- A flashlight and extra batteries.
- A battery-powered or hand-crank NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries, in case you are without power.
- A first aid kit.
- A wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.

These are just a few of the recommended items. For an advanced checklist of items to include in your kit and more information on planning for a disaster, visit [www.ready.gov/kit](http://www.ready.gov/kit).

## Calendar

### Marietta Square Art Walk

**Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 1, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Free

Marietta Square

Enjoy an evening of live music, performances and local art as you shop, dine, and experience all the Marietta Square has to offer. The Art Walk is a free, self-guided, walking tour of the Marietta Square's galleries, museums, cultural venues, restaurants

and businesses. During Art Walk, each participating venue hosts a local artist outside of its storefront in the Marietta Square. **For more information, visit [www.artwalkmarietta.com](http://www.artwalkmarietta.com).**

### Marietta Square Farmer's Market

**Saturdays Year Round, 9 a.m. to 12 noon**

**For more information, visit**

**[www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com](http://www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com).**

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