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# Connected

## Verify Your Phone Number

To help with your electrical service being restored during a power outage, Marietta Power and Water recommends you verify your current phone number. If the information is not current and there is a delay in restoring your power, you will not receive an optional follow-up call letting you know your power has been restored. Verifying we have your current phone number on file is fast and simple:

1. If you are already a subscriber to Marietta Power and Water's online services, simply login to your account and verify your phone number. If your phone number is not correct, click the "Email Us" link to notify us of changes.
2. If you are new to our online services, you can sign up at [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). Once you are on the Home page:
  - Click "Online Payments" in the blue navigation boxes on the right side of the website.
  - When you reach the Account Login page, click "New User."



- You will need your account number and cycle/route number from your statement to complete this brief process. If your information needs updating, click the "Email Us" link to notify us of any changes. It's that easy!

**To report any service interruptions, call (770) 794-5160.**

## What is F.O.G.?

F.O.G. stands for Fats, Oils and Grease and is the number one cause of sewer system blockages. F.O.G. sticks to the walls of your plumbing and the sewer system and can build up over time, eventually blocking your plumbing or the sewer system.

Blockages in your plumbing or the sewer system can result in sewer overflow which can lead to property and environmental damage. The damages can be expensive to fix and can lead to civil penalties and fines. Residents may be held liable for all damages and clean-up costs for a resident-caused sewer backup.

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F.O.G. enters the sewer system through your plumbing. Common methods of entry include pouring grease from meats, cooking oils, dairy products, dressings, sauces and marinades down the kitchen sink or toilet and using a garbage disposal to dispose of food scraps. The garbage disposal does not eliminate F.O.G.; it merely chops it up into smaller pieces. All F.O.G. and food scraps should be thrown in the trash, not down the drain. Follow these four simple tips to prevent F.O.G. build up:



- Allow liquids to cool, then pour them into a sealable, disposable container and place them in the trash.
- Use a spatula or a similar utensil to scrape any solid F.O.G. and food particles into the trash.
- Use a paper towel to dry wipe any remaining residue into the trash. Place used paper towels in trash.
- Use a sink strainer to catch any food particles that may be left on dishware and place in trash.

**For more information on ways you can conserve and protect our water system, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com).**

## **Paying with Cash... Here is an Easy Payment Option**

The CheckOut by PayGo cash payment option allows you to pay a portion of or all of your utility bill anytime you shop. You can pay your entire bill once a month or a portion of your bill every week. It is up to you!

Current participating retail stores include Walmart, CVS Pharmacies, Family Dollar, Dollar General and Walgreens.



Visit [www.mpwcheckout.com](http://www.mpwcheckout.com) for more information and instructions. You will need your account number to log in. A convenience fee of \$1.95 will be added to each cash payment.

## **Calendar**

### **First Friday of each month, March through December**

**Marietta Square Art Walk**

5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Free**

**Marietta Square**

Enjoy an evening of live music, performance 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).**

### **Saturdays Year Round**

**Marietta Square Farmers Market**

9 a.m. to 12 noon

**For more information, visit**

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

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