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## A Few Tricks to Save Tons of Water



Water is one of our most valuable resources. Even a small leak can waste 50 or more gallons of water a day. Here are a few tricks to help lower your utility bill and conserve water.

**Let the professionals wash your car.** Letting the local car wash do the dirty work can save up to 100 gallons. The Clean Water Act requires professional car washes to route car wash wastewater to water treatment facilities or to state-approved drainage facilities designed to protect the environment.

**Test your toilet.** Undetected internal leaks from tank to bowl can waste up to 100 gallons a day. Drop a dye tablet or food coloring in the tank yearly. If the color of the water in the toilet bowl changes color, your toilet needs a replacement rubber flapper or fill mechanism.

**Conduct regular leak checks.** Even a small leak can waste 100 gallons of water a day. Check your home frequently for dripping faucets, showerheads, hoses, and sprinklers. Most faucet drips can be fixed simply by replacing a worn-out washer.

**Use native plants.** One-third of residential water use goes toward watering the lawn and garden. Native flowers, grasses, and shrubs have adapted to regional rainfall rates and require less water. To find plants from your area, visit the Audubon Native Plant Database at [www.audubon.org/native-plants](http://www.audubon.org/native-plants).

In addition to saving money on your utility bill, water conservation helps prevent water pollution, as well as overloading municipal sewer systems. **For more water conservation tips, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com).**

## Water Conservation Kits Available for Residential Customers

Marietta Power and Water would like to help our residential customers conserve water by offering each household a free Conservation Kit. Conservation Kits include:

- A Low Flow Shower Head
- Sink Aerators
- Leak Detection Tablets
- A Toilet Water Save

To request your free water conservation kit, email us at [waterconservation@mariettaga.gov](mailto:waterconservation@mariettaga.gov). To learn more about conserving water, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com).



# Celebrate Electrical Safety Month in May

Add checking for potential electrical hazards to your spring cleaning list. So, while you are scrubbing floors and dusting light fixtures, use this checklist to detect potential electrical troubles and consult a qualified electrician if you suspect problems:

- ① Watch for household lights that dim or flicker. Also make sure light bulbs are the appropriate wattage for the size of the fixture. Bulbs that are too high in wattage can overheat and lead to a fire.
- ② Wall outlets, switches, and switch plates should be in good working condition and cool to the touch. If there are small children in the home, consider Tamper Resistant Receptacles (TRRs).
- ③ Make sure all lamp cords are not worn or damaged and are unwrapped — tightly wrapped cords can overheat and burn.
- ④ Use extension cords on a temporary basis only — they are not safe as permanent house wiring.
- ⑤ Listen for crackling, sizzling, or buzzing from outlets.
- ⑥ Frequently blown fuses and circuit breakers that trip often can indicate electrical wiring problems.



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

## Calendar of Events

### Glover Park Concert Series

**Last Friday of each month**

**April through September, 8 p.m.**

**Glover Park in Marietta Square**

#### **The concert lineup:**

April 29 – The Geek Squad (*Pop/R&B*)

May 27 – BJ Wilbanks (*That 70s Show*)

June 24 – Catalinas (*Beach*)

July 29 – Chuck Martin (*Country*)

August 26 – Brotherhood (*Doobies Tribute*)

September 30 – Still Swingin (*Big Band*)

The concerts are free, but if you are looking for a “front-row seat”, a limited number of tables can be reserved for a fee (and will sell out quickly) on the first working day of each month beginning at 8:00 a.m. Bring a picnic dinner (beer & wine is permitted) or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square.

**For table reservations and for more information, visit [www.mariettaga.gov/concerts](http://www.mariettaga.gov/concerts) or call (770) 794-5601.**

**Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022.**

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