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Air Conditioning Your Home Can Be a Breeze this Summer

Turning on the A/C doesn't have to mean turning up the energy costs — if you use it efficiently. Here are a few tips that can keep you from getting hot under the collar when your utility bill arrives.

Central Air Conditioning

1. When turning on the air conditioner, avoid placing the thermostat at a colder setting than normal as it will not cool your home any faster and will result in unnecessary expense.
2. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your cooling bill will be, so set your thermostat at as high a temperature as comfortably possible.

Room Air Conditioning

1. When purchasing a room air conditioner, keep in mind that it generally needs 20 Btu for each square foot of living space. Also, take into consideration room height, shading, and window size.
2. Set the fan speed on high, except on especially humid days when a low speed will cool your home more effectively and remove more moisture from the air because of slower air movement through the cooling equipment.



Whether you have central or room air conditioning, remember to clean or replace the filter monthly during the cooling season.

For more hot tips on lowering your cooling costs, visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com.



Water Wisely

The summer season is well underway. Despite the heat, it can be easy to reduce your water usage without sacrificing the beauty of your garden. Here are four quick tips to help you conserve water and save on your utility bill:

1. Water early in the morning when wind speeds and temperatures are lowest, and water doesn't evaporate as quickly. Keep in mind lawns need water only every five to seven days in summer, so set a timer to avoid overwatering.

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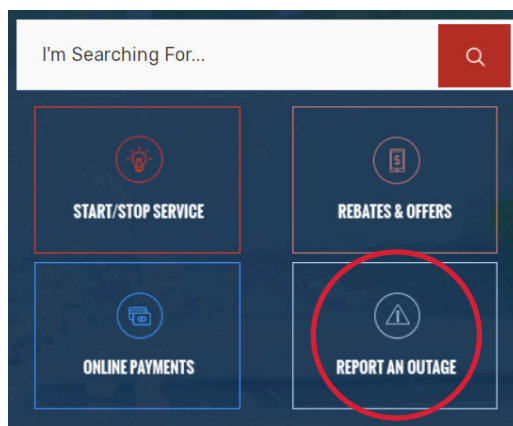


2. Position sprinklers so the water falls on grass, trees, and shrubbery — not on patios, streets, and driveways. Use soaker hoses and other highly efficient watering methods and replace missing washers, punctured hoses, and anything with a chronic leaking problem.
3. Place mulch around your plants to help the soil hold more moisture between waterings. A layer of mulch also restricts the growth of weeds that compete with preferred plants for water.
4. Raise the blade on your lawn mower to at least three inches. The longer grass will shade the ground more and keep water from evaporating as quickly. The root system will grow healthier as a result.

For more water conservation tips, visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com.

How to Report an Outage

You can report an outage by calling **(770) 794-5160** or by visiting **www.mariettapowerandwater.com** and **clicking the “Report an Outage”** button in the lower right-hand corner of the home page navigation. To report a non-emergency or emergency electrical problem, call **(770) 794-5160**.



Calendar of Events

Glover Park Concert Series

Last Friday of each month now through September, 8 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square

The concert lineup:

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 a.m. Bring a picnic dinner (beer & wine is permitted) or dine in one of the many restaurants located on the square.

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

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Saturdays Year Round, 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Marietta Square

For more information, visit www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observation of Labor Day.

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