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## Play it Safe During Summer Storms

These simple safety tips can help you to safely navigate through thunderstorm season.

- Pay attention to alerts and warnings.
- If you have time before the storm, secure anything outside that could get blown around and cause damage to your home, such as lawn furniture.
- Keep an ample supply of flashlights, batteries and candles all through your home for easy access if the power goes out.
- During electrical storms, do not use corded phones — keep a cell phone handy for emergency calls.
- If you are outdoors during an electrical storm, move indoors. If you are unable to move indoors, move to a low-lying area and keep away from metal objects.
- Should you lose power, unplug sensitive electronic equipment such as televisions, computers and microwaves to prevent an overload when power is restored.
- Exercise caution when walking in flooded areas. Submerged outlets, electrical cords, and downed power lines can energize water, causing electrocution. If you're in a car, never drive over a downed power line.
- If you encounter someone who is in contact with a downed power line, do not touch the person but call 911 instead.



Remember that Marietta Power and Water is here to serve you at any time! Please report power outages to us immediately so that we can work to restore your electricity right away. Report power outages by calling **(770) 794-5160**.

## Water Wisely and Save

During summer months, we spend more time outdoors watering our lawns and gardens which can increase our water bill. Take care of all your outdoor water-related tasks and save money by simply using water smarter.

- Mulch around plants and flower beds to keep the soil cool, reduce moisture evaporation, promote growth and control weeds.

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- Inspect your garden hose and irrigation system for leaks. Check hose connectors to make sure rubber washers are in place.
- Use a hose nozzle that can be shut off or adjusted to a fine spray. To avoid leaks, shut off the water at the house instead of at the nozzle. If you discover a leak in the connector, replace the rubber washer.
- Make sure outdoor faucets are completely turned off after use. If a drip continues, turn off your water main and replace the washers in the faucet. If the drip continues, replace the whole faucet. A pinhole leak in an outside faucet can waste 170 gallons of water in 24 hours. Even slow drips can have a substantial impact on your water bill.

According to the Georgia Water Stewardship Act, residents whose water is supplied by a water system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division are allowed daily outdoor watering between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.

**For more water saving conservation tips, 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 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 of Events**

### **Art in the Park**

**September 3-5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Marietta Square**

This Labor Day weekend featuring:

- 150 Fine Art Booths
- Chalk Spot
- Food from Local Restaurants
- Music

For more information, visit

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

### **Glover Park Concert Series**

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

**Glover Park in Marietta Square**

**The concert lineup:**

**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](http://www.mariettaga.gov/concerts) or call (770) 794-5601.

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