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Prepare for Warmer Weather Now

If you want to keep your home cool in the warm summer months without reaching deeper into your wallet, consider the following tips to reduce energy consumption.

Block the Heat

- Approximately 30% of unwanted heat comes from your windows. Use drapes and blinds to keep them covered as often as possible during daylight hours.
- If you prefer more light entering the home, you can opt for blinds, adjusting them to let in some light while also reflecting the sun's heat.
- Caulk and weather-strip any cracks or openings in doors and windows that may leak air.
- Insulate your attic floor to keep heat from radiating down into the home.

Remove Interior Heat

- In the hotter months, your ceiling fan should run in a counterclockwise direction to produce a downward airflow. Since ceiling fans use less than 1/10th the wattage of an air conditioner, this can help reduce energy consumption and cooling costs.
- Turning your thermostat down 8°-10°F from its normal setting for eight hours a day can save you as much as 10% a year. You can do this automatically by using a programmable thermostat.



Reduce Heat-Generating Sources

- Appliances like dishwashers, dryers, and ovens generate a large amount of heat. Try using them in the morning or at night when the outside temperature is cooler.
- Consider switching the incandescent bulbs in your house to LED bulbs which emit less heat.
- During daylight hours, keep the lights off as much as possible and let the natural light brighten the room.
- Unplug any electronics during the day - these devices can emit heat even in standby mode. ⚡

Check Your Home for Outdoor Leaks

Outdoor leaks can have a major effect on your water bill. To check for an outdoor water leak, locate your water meter. Turn off all water-using devices inside and outside your home. Check the meter. If the detector dial or arrow is moving, you have a leak.

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- Check your outside faucets and hoses for leaks. Even a small leak can waste gallons of water. The most common outdoor leak occurs when a garden hose connects to a spigot.
- Use washers to eliminate leaks where hoses, spigots and watering devices connect. Also, using a nozzle with a shut off valve can help reduce unnecessary or over watering.
- Make sure your sprinklers are properly adjusted and are watering your plants and not your sidewalk.
- The Georgia Water Stewardship Act allows daily outdoor watering for lawn and plant maintenance between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. by anyone whose water is supplied by a water system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division.

For more information on ways to help conserve water, visit MariettaPowerandWater.com. ☞



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Calendar of Events

Glover Park Concert Series

Last Friday of each month

April through September, 8 p.m.

Concert lineup:

April 28 – Ray Howard Band (A tribute to Earth Wind & Fire)
May 26 – The Platinum Band (Variety Party Band)
June 30 – Guardians of the Jukebox (An 80's Tribute)
July 28 – Chuck Martin & The Line-up (90's Country & Classic Rock)
August 25 – Bogey & The Viceroy (Classic South to Today's Hits)
September 29 – Grains of Sand (Beach Soul & Motown)

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 are permitted) or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square.

For more information, visit MariettaGA.gov/192/Glover-Park-Concert-Series or call (770) 794-5601.

Marietta Square Farmer's Market

Saturdays Year Round

9 a.m. until noon

41 Mill Street

(one block north of the Marietta Square)

Visit MariettaSquareFarmersMarket.com for more information.

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