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Slicing Up the Energy Bill Pie

When you know where your energy dollars are being spent, you know where you can conserve and save.

Electronics

Unplugging some of your electronic devices after you use them can save you some cash on your next power bill! The digital displays and lights often continue to use energy. Look for "Power Saver" or "Energy Saver" options in the Settings Menu or in the User Manual for any devices that can be left on or plugged in.

Water Heater

Losing heat from your water heater means losing money when you pay your next bill. You can reduce your heat loss and the resulting excess energy production by lowering the temperature setting on your water heater.

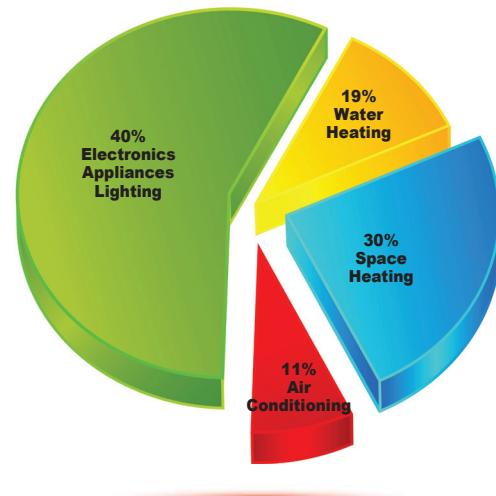
Air Conditioner and Heating

As a rule of thumb for keeping your thermostat energy-friendly, set the temperature higher in the summer and lower in the winter.

Lighting

You can make huge savings by installing energy-saving light bulbs. Replace old halogen light bulbs with energy-efficient LED light bulbs or Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs), especially when lights are on for long periods.

For more energy saving tips, visit MariettaPowerandWater.com.



Household Energy Use in Georgia

Water Wisely This Summer

- **Get an early start.** You can reduce evaporation by watering during early morning hours, when temperatures and wind speeds are lowest.
- **Avoid over soaking.** Most lawns in our area only need to be watered every five to seven days in the summer. If we experience soaking rain, your lawn may not need watering for as much as two weeks.
- **Lose the leaks.** Use washers to eliminate leaks where hoses, spigots, and watering devices connect. Replace leaky hoses, sprinklers, and irrigation mechanisms.
- **Check your timing.** Replace defective automatic timers.
- **Irrigate efficiently.** Select the most water-efficient watering system for each area of your yard. Soaker hoses use significantly less water than traditional sprinklers.

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• **Take matters into your own hands.** Consumer Reports tells us that people who water lawns and gardens by hand with a hose use one-third less water than people who use sprinklers.

• **Consider soil mitigation.** You can improve the soil's ability to hold water by adding compost or peat. For potted flowers and plants, consider adding polymer crystals that will make the soil in your flowerpots more absorbent. You can also purchase special patio pots that allow water to reach roots efficiently. You will find the supplies you need to tackle these projects at most garden retailers and home improvement stores.

For more ways to keep your water bill as low as you can, please visit MariettaPowerandWater.com. ☀

Sign Up for Outage Notifications

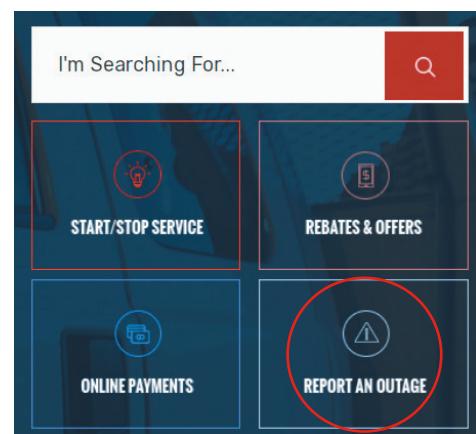
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- Click on Commercial or Residential in the top navigation.
- Click Outage Notifications.
- Once on the Outage Notification page, click the Outage Notification Sign Up bar and fill out the form. You will need the cycle and route number from your utility bill.
- Click the Verify My Account button at the bottom of the page.

You can also sign up for other City emergency alerts by visiting the Everbridge website, Member.Everbridge.net/431700047822942/new or downloading the Everbridge App.

For help on getting set up in the app, see our Quick-Start-Guide at MariettaGA.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14632/Everbridge-QuickStart.

It's that easy! ☀



Calendar of Events

Glover Park Concert Series

Last Friday of each month

April through September, 8 p.m.

Concert lineup:

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 Marietta Square.

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

For a complete list of City of Marietta events, please visit MariettaGA.gov and click on Calendar of Events.

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Brown Bag Concert Series

Every Thursday During May

Glover Park, Marietta Square

Free

Grab your lunch at one of the many great restaurants around the Marietta Square and meet your friends and co-workers at Glover Park for the Brown Bag Concert Series. Performance schedule to be announced. Limited park seating is available. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs.

For more information, visit MariettaGA.gov/193/Brown-Bag-Concerts.