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## Summer Thunderstorm Safety



Pop-up storms are notorious during Georgia's hot summers. With a little preparation from these weather preparedness tips, you can make it safely through the season.

- Your family may not be together when a storm strikes. Create a plan and know how you will contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that is familiar and easy to find. Include in your plan unique needs of pets, older loved ones, and family members with special needs.
- If you have time before the storm strikes, secure anything outside that could be 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. Make a Toolkit of items to have on hand. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find. For a complete list, visit **[GEMA.Georgia.Gov/Plan-Prepare/Ready-Georgia/Build-Kit](https://GEMA.Georgia.Gov/Plan-Prepare/Ready-Georgia/Build-Kit)** and **download a PDF**.
- Should you lose power, unplug sensitive electronic equipment such as televisions, computers, and microwaves to prevent an overload when power is restored.
- If you are outdoors during an electrical storm, move to a low-lying area and keep away from metal objects.
- Exercise caution when walking in flooded areas. Submerged outlets, electrical cords, and downed power lines can energize water, causing electrocution. If you are in a car during or after a storm, 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, call 911 instead.

**For more information about storm preparedness, visit [GEMA.Georgia.Gov/Plan-Prepare/Ready-Georgia](https://GEMA.Georgia.Gov/Plan-Prepare/Ready-Georgia).** 

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## Check for Outdoor Leaks

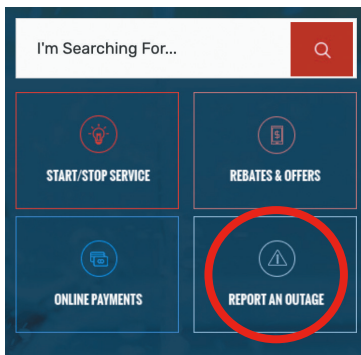
Outdoor water leaks can have a major effect on your water bill. Even a small leak can waste gallons of water. To check for an outdoor leak, you should locate your meter. Turn off all your appliances that use water inside and outside of your home. Check the meter. If the detector dial or arrow is moving, you may have a leak.

### If you have a leak:


- Check your outside faucets and hoses for leaks. The most common outdoor leak occurs where 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 overwatering.
- Make sure your sprinklers are properly adjusted and are watering your plants and not your sidewalk.



For more ways to save water, visit [MariettaPowerandWater.com](http://MariettaPowerandWater.com). 



## How to Report an Outage

You can report an outage by calling (770) 794-5160 or by visiting [MariettaPowerandWater.com](http://MariettaPowerandWater.com) and clicking the “Report an Outage” button in the lower right-hand corner of the home page navigation. To report other non-emergency or emergency electrical problems, call (770) 794-5160. 

## Calendar of Events

### Marietta Square Farmer's Market

**Saturdays, 9 a.m. until Noon Year Round**  
GPS Address: 41 Mill Street, Marietta, Georgia

Approximately 54 vendors offer products that include heirloom tomatoes, fruits and vegetables that are rarely, if ever, available from the grocery store. The market also has lots of staples such as potatoes, onions, tomatoes, squash, and beans in addition to pattypan squash, heirloom salad mix, amazing cut flower arrangements, local honey, herbal soaps, whole grain breads, jelly, jam and preserves.

For more information, visit [MariettaSquareFarmersMarket.com](http://MariettaSquareFarmersMarket.com).

### Glover Park Concert Series

**Last Friday of each month, now through September, 8 p.m.**  
Glover Park in Marietta Square

#### Concert lineup:

- **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](http://MariettaGA.gov/192/Glover-Park-Concert-Series) or call (770) 794-5601.

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