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## Outside Water Conservation Tips to Help You Save



During warmer months, we all tend to spend more time gardening, working on our lawns, and washing our cars. Since many of these activities include the use of water, your water usage and your water bill can increase significantly.

Below are tips on how to conserve water and still maintain a beautiful green landscape.

- Adjust your mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn provides shade to the roots and helps retain soil moisture so your lawn requires less water.
- Water before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. when temperatures are a little cooler and water evaporation is minimized.
- Adjust your sprinklers so that they are watering your lawn and garden, and not the street or sidewalk.
- Your garden's and lawn's water needs may vary depending on the heat and amount of rain. Investing in a timer or automatic watering system can help you save time and money.
- When watering potted plants, group plants with like watering needs. Also, creating "watering zones" in your garden will allow you to give each plant the water it requires.

Visit [MariettaGA.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect](http://MariettaGA.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect) for more water conservation tips.

## Save on Cooling Costs this Summer

Rising temperatures can cause rising power bills, but if you adjust your thermostat up by just a few degrees, you can save money this summer. Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher and reduce your cooling costs by up to two to three percent for each degree of adjustment.



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Programmable thermostats can also help your home maintain the appropriate temperature with a preset schedule based on when you are home or when you are sleeping. Programmable thermostats can typically store and repeat six or more temperature settings per day. Through automatic temperature setups and setbacks, you can alter your home's temperature as it makes the most sense for your lifestyle. And, if your schedule should change, you can easily override your set temperature by manually setting the temperature without affecting the rest of your daily or weekly program.

Keep in mind that the location of your thermostat can affect its performance and efficiency. To operate properly, a thermostat must be on an interior wall away from direct sunlight, drafts, doorways, skylights, and windows.

**For more energy saving tips, visit [MariettaGA.Gov/759/Energy-Saving-Tips](http://MariettaGA.Gov/759/Energy-Saving-Tips).**

## An Easy Cash Payment Option

CheckOut by PayGo allows customers to pay their utility bill with cash while shopping at participating retail stores.

**Follow these simple steps to use this convenient payment option:**

1. Visit [MPWCheckout.com](http://MPWCheckout.com).
2. Type in your Marietta Power and Water account number.
3. You will instantly receive a barcode. A barcode is also included with your printed utility bill. Your barcode is unique to your account and will be scanned each time you pay.
4. To save your barcode, you can email, print, or save a picture of your barcode on your mobile device.
5. Present the barcode when checking out at one of the participating retail locations.



The payment amount will be added to your total purchase and your utility account will be credited when you check out. Current participating retail stores include Walmart, CVS Pharmacies, Family Dollar, Dollar General and Walgreens.

A convenience fee of \$1.95 will be added to every cash payment.

**For more information, visit [MariettaGA.Gov/324/Pay-Your-Bill](http://MariettaGA.Gov/324/Pay-Your-Bill).**

## Calendar of Events

### Glover Park Concert Series

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

Marietta Square

**Concert lineup:**

- **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 may 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.**

### 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Art in the Park – Bigger and Better

**Saturday, September 2 – Monday, September 4**

Marietta Square

10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Free



The festival includes 200 professional artists, Chalk Spot street art display, the Children's Art Alley, and live music. Festival attendees will have plenty of dining options with a wide variety of eateries within and adjacent to the Marietta Square. Beer, wine, soft drinks and water will be sold throughout the festival.

**Chalk Spot** is an interactive street art display for children. Kids have the chance to make a 3-ft. square masterpiece with a box of sidewalk chalk. The event takes place on Saturday, September 2, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration fee is \$10 on-site (*supplies are limited*).

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