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*In the spirit of the season, we want to thank all of our wonderful customers. May this Thanksgiving be joyful and the start of a happy holiday season.*

## Prepare for Cooler Weather Temperatures

Fall is the perfect time to finish any home maintenance projects as well as prepare for colder weather.

**Here are a few easy ways you can prepare your home for winter:**

1. Check your home's heating and air conditioning system. Change your filters and consider having your system inspected by a reputable HVAC company.
2. Caulk around windows and doors. Inspect the trim around your windows and doors and look for any cracks. If you see cracks, scrape away any bad caulk and apply fresh caulk. Using a caulk gun will ensure you fill any gaps and get a clean line.
3. Once the leaves have fallen from the trees, take time to clean your gutters. Clogged gutters can lead to roof rot and foundation problems.
4. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Check your smoke detectors to make sure they are working and have good batteries. If your home lacks carbon monoxide detectors, consider installing some.
5. Perform a quick energy audit. We offer all the tools you need to perform an energy audit on your entire home, including space heaters, heat pumps, and more.



Visit [MariettaGA.gov/767/Residential-Energy-Calculator](https://MariettaGA.gov/767/Residential-Energy-Calculator) to learn more. 

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# Outdoor Watering for Fall

Cooler temperatures signal a new growing season and a new opportunity to maximize water consumption. By using water smartly, you can enjoy a beautiful lawn and bountiful garden throughout fall and early winter — without increasing your water bill.

**Here are a few simple ways you can accomplish both:**

- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn holds moisture better than a shorter lawn.
- Avoid watering on windy days when most water will blow away or evaporate.
- Check your sprinkler system for leaks and broken sprinkler heads and repair promptly.
- Adjust sprinkler heads to prevent overspray onto sidewalks or roadways.
- Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler. Soaker hoses are more efficient and disperse water directly into the ground with less run-off.
- Aerate your lawn at least once a year so water can reach the roots and doesn't lay on the surface.
- Water container plants thoroughly until water seeps from drainage holes. Thorough watering encourages deep roots resulting in less frequent watering needs and apply water directly to the soil instead of showering foliage.
- Use a layer of mulch on the surface of your planting beds to retain moisture and minimize weed growth which competes for water.
- Consider skipping watering for a day if there has been a good rain.



**For more water conservation tips, visit [MariettaGA.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect](https://marietta.gov/539/Conserve-Protect).** 

## Calendar of Events

### Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa on the Square

**Thursday, November 30**

4 until 8 p.m.

Glover Park on the Square

The City of Marietta's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting returns! Kick off this holiday season with Santa's arrival at the square. The fun begins at 4 p.m. with performances by local school and church choirs, and then Santa makes his grand entrance to help the Mayor and the City of Marietta light the tree!

#### **Schedule of Events:**

- Throughout the night: Local Choir Performances
- Throughout the night: Santa Letter Writing Stations
- 4:45 p.m.: Ugly Holiday Sweater Walking Parade
- 5:15 p.m.: Santa's Arrival
- 6 p.m.: Tree Lighting Ceremony

**For more information, visit [MariettaGA.Gov/208/Christmas-Tree-Lighting-Santa-on-the-Square](https://marietta.gov/208/Christmas-Tree-Lighting-Santa-on-the-Square)**

### Winter Wonderland

**Throughout the Holiday Season**

Marietta Museum of History

1 Depot Street, Marietta, GA 30060

Santa and his elves will be at the Marietta Museum of History this season, with the beloved Hadley's Photography team ready to capture your family's memories.

Come join us for a 30-minute magical, unique, and private experience with Santa and your family.

#### **All customers will receive the following:**

- A digital link to download all full-res images of your Magical Moments with Santa
- An ornament with your favorite image

#### **Things you can expect to experience:**

- Storytime with Santa
- Crafts
- Milk and cookies

The entire experience will be captured in photos by Hadley's Photography.

An appointment to visit Santa is required. Only one appointment required per family.

**Visit [MariettaWinterWonderland.com](https://marietta.winterwonderland.com) for more information.**

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