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We are grateful to have customers like you. We wish you a season of joy, happiness, peace, and cheer!

Winter Watering Tips

As the temperatures cool, it's important to know exactly how much water your plants need before you turn on the sprinkler. These tips will help keep your lawn green and your utility bill down:

1. Grass grows more slowly during the cooler months, requiring less watering and mowing. If your lawn has not received at least 1/4 to 1/2-inch of rain over the course of a few weeks, your soil is probably dry and needs watering.
2. The quickest way to reduce water waste is to locate and repair existing leaks. Be sure to inspect all exterior fixtures, as well as basements and crawlspaces if applicable.
3. When using a sprinkler, monitor the amount of time you water. If water begins to pool, turn off your sprinkler to prevent overwatering.
4. Knowing the location of your shut-off valve could save you money on water and damage repairs if your property experiences a catastrophic water leak.
5. When temperatures drop below 32 degrees, exposed water pipes can freeze. Wrap water pipes in unheated areas with insulation tubes to reduce the likelihood of freezing.
6. During any season, Georgians must still follow the non-drought outdoor water use schedule required in the Water Stewardship Act of 2010. This law allows all types of outdoor water use, but landscape watering should only occur before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. daily.



For more water conservation ideas, visit MariettaGA.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect.

Decorate Safely this Holiday Season

Safely capture the spirit of the holiday season by using these simple decorating tips:

- If selecting a live tree, choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Check the intended use of any decorative lights you hang. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not for both. Also, choose decorations that are flame-resistant or flame-retardant.
- Inspect lights before hanging. Check for frayed wires, cracked sockets, or any loose connections. Discard any cord that is damaged, no matter how small.
- Each string of lights should also have the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label. Change old bulbs around your house to high-efficiency LEDs. ENERGY STAR® certified LED decorative light strings use 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent lights, last up to 10 times longer, and are not hot to the touch. They are also safer.
- Unplug tree lights and decorative outdoor lighting before leaving the house or going to bed. Don't overload outlets or extension cords. Never place cords under rugs and doors or through windows where they might be pinched or become worn. Keep cords out of water and away from metal objects. Electrical current can travel through water and metal creating an electrical hazard.
- To hook up your outdoor lighting, use a three-pronged grounded extension cord with the UL label. Uncoil extension cords completely before using and be sure to place them away from heat sources and bulbs.
- Extension cords should also be UL-rated for outdoors. They are made with materials that can withstand exposure to the elements. Indoor extension cords can short out if they get wet, possibly causing damage to your outlets and lights.
- Your outdoor electrical outlets should have ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFI's) to protect the user. A GFI outlet will automatically turn off the electrical flow if there are any electrical hazards.



To better understand energy usage, visit [MariettaGA.Gov/423/Residential-Saving-Energy-Guide](https://marietta.ga.gov/423/Residential-Saving-Energy-Guide). 

Calendar of Events

Winter Wonderland
Throughout the Holiday Season
Marietta Museum of History
1 Depot Street, Marietta, GA

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

Visit MariettaWinterWonderland.com for more information.

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 bread, jelly, jam, and preserves.

For more information, visit MariettaSquareFarmersMarket.com.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

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

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