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Prepare Now for Spring Storms



While all thunderstorms have the potential to produce tornadoes, most incidents occur in the March-April-May time frame. During this "tornado and storm season," the most likely time of occurrence is from mid-afternoon through early evening.

When a thunderstorm or tornado occurs, you must have supplies on hand to help take care of you and your family in case of a disaster.

First, know the difference between a Watch and a Warning.

- A tornado watch means weather conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop.
- A tornado warning means either a tornado is occurring or expected to develop shortly in your area, and you need to take shelter at once.

Second, prepare a family disaster plan in advance and educate yourself on thunderstorm and tornado safety.

Third, make a Ready Kit for at least three days of self-sufficiency. Below are a few recommended items to include in a Basic Ready Kit:

- One gallon of water per person, per day, for at least three days.
- A three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- A can opener if your kit contains canned food.
- A flashlight and fresh batteries.
- A battery-powered or hand-crank NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and fresh batteries.
- A first aid kit.
- A wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

A graphic with three circular icons. The first icon shows a house with a checkmark and an arrow pointing to it. The second icon shows a first aid kit and a radio. The third icon shows a smartphone with a red alert icon. Below the icons are three buttons: "MAKE A PLAN", "BUILD A KIT", and "BE INFORMED".

These are just a few of the recommended items. For an advanced checklist of items to include in your kit and more information on planning for a disaster, visit [Ready.Gov/Kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit).

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Spring Watering Tips



Whether you're gearing up for a large vegetable garden or planning your annual flower beds, you can plant the seeds now for big water savings this spring. Here are a few water-saving tips to get you started:

- Check outdoor spigots and hose connections for leaks. A pinhole leak in a pipe or loose connection can waste up to 170 gallons of water a day.
- Use a nozzle that can be shut off or adjusted to a fine spray. When you're finished, shut off the water at the house instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks.
- Ask your nursery for a list of low-maintenance plants, such as Georgia native and Southern climate plants, which need less water.

- Check your sprinklers to be sure they are properly adjusted and be sure they are watering your plants and not the sidewalk.

By taking these few simple steps, both your yard and your wallet will be ready to welcome spring! For more ways to save water, visit MariettaGA.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect. ☀

Pay with Cash

The CheckOut by PayGo cash payment option allows you to pay a portion of or all your utility bill anytime you shop. You can pay your entire bill once a month or a portion of your bill every week. It is up to you!

Current participating retail stores include Walmart, CVS Pharmacies, Family Dollar, Dollar General, Walgreens, and Kroger.

Visit MPWCheckout.com for more information and instructions. You will need your account number to log in. A convenience fee of \$1.95 will be added to each cash payment. ☀



Calendar of Events

Taste of Marietta

Sunday, April 28

Marietta Square

The Taste of Marietta food festival, which takes place every year, attracts thousands of people who come to enjoy good food, good music, and a great social atmosphere.

Festival guests can taste the variety of dishes served by more than 70 restaurants and catering teams from the region, all at a reasonable price. There will also be live music, games for children, a sports corner, food trucks, cooking demonstrations, and more.

Visit TasteofMarietta.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 including:

- heirloom tomatoes
- potatoes
- onions
- squash
- beans
- pattypan squash
- salad mix
- cut flowers
- local honey
- herbal soaps
- whole-grain breads
- jelly
- jam
- preserves

You may find many fruits and vegetables that are rarely, if ever, available from the grocery store. **For more information, visit MariettaSquareFarmersMarket.com.**

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