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*We wish you and yours health,  
safety, and a very joyful new year!*

## Conserve Water this Winter

After months of little to no rainfall, Marietta Power and Water encourages you to take measures to limit your water use this winter.

You can conserve substantial amounts of water if you:

**Check for Leaks.** There are some easy ways to look for leaks in your house. Watermarks on floors, walls, or ceilings can indicate indoor pipe leakage. Standing water on the ground or pavement when there has been no rain can indicate a broken underground pipe. Fixing these leaks will save water as well as lower your utility bill.

**Check for toilet leaks.** Add food color or dye to your toilet tank. Wait 30 minutes. Do not flush the toilet during this time. If the water in the bowl changes color, you have a leak. To determine which part of the toilet is the problem, draw a line inside the tank at the water level. Turn off the water supply to the toilet. Wait another 30 minutes. If the water level stays the same, the leak is the refill valve or float. If the water level drops below the line, the problem is the flush valve or flapper.

**Change the faucet and showerheads.** Your current fixtures may not be very efficient. If your showerhead uses more than 2.5 Gallons per Minute (GPM), you could save water by replacing it with a new low-flow showerhead. Low-flow showerheads conserve water by mixing air with water to reduce the amount of water, but still feel like higher-flowing fixtures. If your faucets (bathroom, kitchen, or other) use more than 2.0 GPM, consider changing your existing aerator.

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



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# Seal Leaks and Save Money

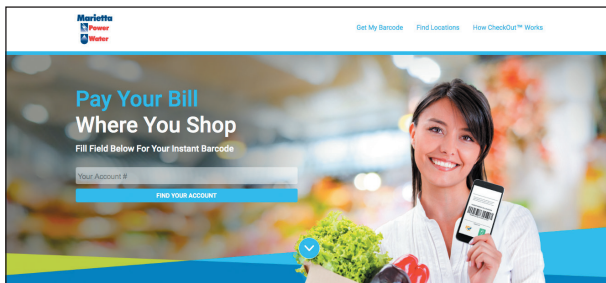
Areas that leak air into and out of your home can cost you a lot of money. Simple fixes include installing weather stripping on doors and caulking around windows, while bigger jobs might include sealing leaks and adding insulation in your attic.

- Test your home for air tightness. On a windy day, carefully hold a lit candle or a match next to your windows, doors, electrical boxes, plumbing fixtures, electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures, attic hatches, and other places where air may leak. If the flame travels horizontally, you have located an air leak that may need caulking, sealing, or weather stripping.
- Cover single-pane windows with storm windows or replace them with more efficient double-pane low-emissivity windows.
- Use foam sealant on larger gaps around windows, baseboards, and other places where air may leak out.
- Replace door bottoms and thresholds with ones that have pliable sealing gaskets.
- Keep the fireplace flue damper tightly closed when not in use.



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

## Easy Cash Payment Option



The CheckOut by PayGo cash payment option allows you to pay a portion or all of 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, and Walgreens. 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

### 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](https://MariettaSquareFarmersMarket.com).

### End of the Line: A Tribute to The Allman Brothers

**Friday, March 1  
8 p.m.**

Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre

For tickets and more information, visit [EarlSmithStrand.Org](https://EarlSmithStrand.Org)

**Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.**

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