



# Connected

## June is National Safety Month

You and your family's safety are important. While statistics about home injuries are alarming, preventing them can be quite easy. Putting a plan in place to reduce the number of accidents can help you and your family prevent the most common home injuries. Some of the most common hazards at home include cuts, choking, electrical shock, falls, and burns.

**The Marietta Fire Department has created a checklist to help you make your home safe. To use this list:**

1. Visit [MariettaFire.gov](http://MariettaFire.gov).
2. Click on the Be MFD Safe Program in the top navigation bar.
3. Then click Home Safety Checklist under Home Fire Safety Visit.

Our Department	Suppression	Fire Marshal	Be MFD SAFE Program
Home Fire Safety Visit	Safety Information	After the Fire	
Home Safety Checklist	Kids' Corner	Fire Education Request	
Safe Neighborhoods	Fire Escape Planning		
Car Seat Installation	Smoke Detectors		
Fire Museum	Carbon Monoxide		
	Emergency		
	Preparedness		
	Fireplace Safety		
	Deaf & Hard of Hearing		

**The checklist includes safety tips for the following topics:**

- Cooking
- Electrical
- Fire Extinguishers
- Flammable & Hazardous Materials
- Heating Equipment & Fireplace
- Home Escape Plan
- Smoke Detectors
- Smoking Materials & Candles

**Identifying risks around the home protects everyone. Visit [MariettaGa.Gov/764/Home-Safety-Checklist](http://MariettaGa.Gov/764/Home-Safety-Checklist) for a complete list of ways to make your home more safe.**

## Summer Watering Tips



Here are some simple ways to save on your water bill this summer.

- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds moisture better than a shorter lawn.
- Avoid watering your lawn on windy days when most of the water blows away or evaporates. Check your sprinkler system for leaks and broken heads and repair them promptly, if necessary. Adjust sprinkler heads to prevent overspray on sidewalks or roadways. Also, consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler. Soaker hoses more efficiently disperse water to the soil.
- Aerate your lawn at least once a year so water can reach the roots instead of running off the surface.
- Potted plants sitting on concrete or asphalt surfaces during hot weather will lose water more quickly. If possible, move containers away from these areas.

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- Water container plants thoroughly until water seeps from drainage holes. Thorough watering encourages deep roots resulting in less frequent watering needs. Apply water directly to the soil instead of showering foliage.
- Group plants with the same watering needs to avoid over-watering some and under-watering others.
- Use a layer of mulch on the surface of your planting beds to retain moisture and minimize weed growth that competes for water.

**Remember, one of the best ways to conserve water outdoors is to take advantage of spring and summer rains. To view the current watering restrictions, visit [MariettaGa.Gov/504/Water-Restrictions](https://MariettaGa.Gov/504/Water-Restrictions).** 

## Adjust Your Thermostat and Save

Slight changes can lead to substantial savings and the best part is you do not have to sacrifice comfort!

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, by setting your thermostat 10° higher or lower from its normal setting for eight hours daily, you can save approximately 10% on your annual energy costs. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill. Although thermostats can be adjusted manually, programmable thermostats will allow you to set the temperature to adjust automatically.

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



## Calendar of Events

### 2024 Glover Park Concert Series

**Last Friday of each month\*, April through September**  
Marietta Square

The concert lineup:

April 26	Guardians of the Jukebox	<i>Tribute to the 80's</i>
May 31	Ladies of Soul	<i>Soul, Funk &amp; Motown</i>
June 28	Her Majesty's Request	<i>British Invasion</i>
July 26	G Clef and The Playlist	<i>Variety Party Band</i>
Aug. 23*	Troubadour Project	<i>70's Rock Revival</i>
Sept. 27	The Bourbon Brothers	<i>Rat Pack Tribute</i>

\*The August concert is on the 4th Friday

A limited number of stage-adjacent tables can be reserved for a fee on the first working day of each month beginning at 8 a.m. Attendees can bring a picnic or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square.

Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up in the park anytime on Friday. Plastic ground covering, ropes, tape, stakes, etc. used to section off areas are not permitted inside the park and will be removed. All personal tables must be set up on the street, not in the park, after 6 p.m.

**For more information, please call (770) 794-5601.**

### Brown Bag Lunch Series

**Every Thursday, May through September**  
Noon until 1 p.m.

May Schedule:

May 9	Bottoms Up
May 16	Imagine Brass Band
May 23	Alex Boyer
May 30	Mikaela O'Neal

Limited park seating is available. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. **For more information, call the Marietta Parks and Recreation Department at (770) 794-5601.**

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