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## Lookout for Utility Imposter Scams

Scams tend to pop up during the most extreme heat or cold events when people need heat or air conditioning most. Scammers try to take advantage of you by impersonating electric, water, or gas company representatives—calling, texting, knocking on your door, claiming your payment is overdue, and threatening to shut off one of your utilities if the bill isn't paid.

The “representatives” might be dressed in convincing-looking work uniforms and sound like they know what they're talking about. Thankfully, there are some ways of spotting a con artist as opposed to an actual representative:

**Be wary if you receive a call and someone identifies themselves as a utility “representative”:**

- asking for payment via wire transfer, digital wallet app, prepaid debit card, or gift card, which is not what a real representative would do.
- pressuring you to pay in a very short time frame.

If this happens, hang up on the caller and call Marietta Power and Water's Customer Service Division at (770) 794-5150.

**If a utility “representative” comes to your door:**

- do not let them into your home unless you have already scheduled an appointment or reported a problem—a legitimate utility company will rarely show up unannounced and demand entry.

If presented with a bill by a “representative”, compare the bill to a previous Marietta Power and Water bill that you have received.

If you've been the target of a utility imposter scam, you may want to file a complaint with the FTC or contact your bank. [🔗](#)



## Summer Water Conservation Tips

During warm summers, we all spend more time participating in outdoor activities. Since many of these activities—gardening, working on our lawns, and washing our cars—involve water use, your water usage and bill can increase significantly. Below are a few tips on conserving water and maintaining a beautiful green landscape.

- Adjust your sprinklers to water your lawn and garden, not the street or sidewalk. Water before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. when temperatures are slightly cooler and water evaporation is minimized.

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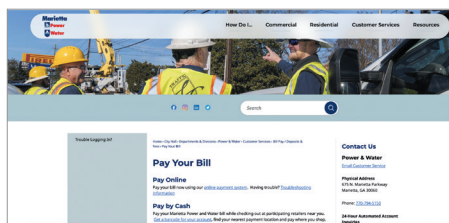
- Invest in a timer or automatic watering system. Be sure to adjust your water schedule throughout the season. Your garden and lawn's water needs may vary depending on the heat and amount of rain.
- Adjust your mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn provides shade to the roots and helps retain soil moisture, so your lawn requires less water.
- When watering potted plants, group plants with like watering needs. Also, creating "watering zones" in your garden will allow you to give each plant the required water.



Visit [MariettaGA.gov/539/Conserve-Protect](https://MariettaGA.gov/539/Conserve-Protect) for more water conservation tips. 

## Bill Payment Made Easy

Electricity and water are essential parts of our everyday lives. Marietta Power and Water staff work hard daily to ensure your utility rates are among the lowest in Georgia. We also work hard to make paying your utility bill as easy as possible, offering multiple ways to pay. Below are the bill-paying options we provide to our customers.



- Pay Online
- Pay with Cash
- Pay by Phone
- Pay in Person (Walk-Up or Drive-Thru)
- Mail your payment using the envelope provided
- Drop your payment in one of our drop boxes:
  - › Marietta Power and Water
  - › City Hall
  - › Fire Station - Chestnut Hill Road
  - › Fire Station - Franklin Road
- Pay using Automatic Bank Draft

Visit [MariettaGA.gov/324/Pay-Your-Bill](https://MariettaGA.gov/324/Pay-Your-Bill) to learn more about all of our bill-paying options. 

## Calendar of Events

**2024 Glover Park Concert Series**  
**Last Friday of each month,\* Now through September**  
Marietta Square

The concert lineup:

Aug. 23\* Troubadour Project      70's Rock Revival  
Sept. 27 The Bourbon Brothers      Rat Pack Tribute

*\*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.**

**38th Annual Art in the Park**  
**Saturday, August 31 through Monday, September 2**  
Marietta Square

10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Cobb County's only fine art festival features art, local live music, and creative children's activities.

- Professional Artist Market
- Creative Chalk Art
- Children's Area
- Live Music

Attendees have many dining options at the numerous restaurants within and around Marietta Square. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and water are sold throughout the festival.

**For a map and more information, visit [ArtParkMarietta.com](https://ArtParkMarietta.com) or call (404) 966-8497.**

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