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Everyone at Marietta Power and Water wishes you and your family a safe, happy, and healthy Thanksgiving!

Decorate Safely for the Holidays

Seasonal lighting can bring big cheer to your home throughout the holidays. Don't let smiles turn into frowns because of accidents involving unsafe use of holiday lights.

Remember these tips when decking the halls, walls, and more this season.

1. Inspect light strings and discard any damaged, frayed, or cracked ones. Worn electrical cords or broken sockets are the leading holiday fire hazards.
2. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Connect only three light strings. Adding more can cause the lights to overheat and create a fire hazard.
3. Don't use outdoor lights indoors. Outdoor lights get too hot for interior use. Try LED lights in various styles and colors for bulbs that are cool to the touch and have the most significant energy efficiency.
4. Make sure outdoor lighting is UL-rated for exterior use. Unlike those used inside the house, exterior lights need to be weather-resistant. The same goes for any extension cords used outdoors.
5. Don't attach light strings with nails or staples. Use UL-approved hangers when hanging light strings. Nails and staples can cut through the wire insulation, creating a fire hazard.
6. Take down exterior lights within 90 days of decorating. The longer they stay up, the more likely they will suffer damage from weather and critters chewing on them.
7. Store lights safely. Tangled lights can lead to damaged cords and broken sockets. After the holidays, take the time to coil each string of lights loosely around a stiff piece of cardboard. Protect the bulbs by wrapping them in paper or plastic. Store everything in a sturdy container until next year.



To learn about the fundamentals of electricity, visit MariettaGA.Gov/757/Educational-Resources. 

Water Wisely this Fall

Cooler temperatures signal a new growing season and a new opportunity to maximize water consumption. Using water smartly allows you to enjoy a beautiful lawn and bountiful garden throughout fall and early winter — without increasing your water bill. Here are a few simple ways you can accomplish both.

When watering your lawn:

- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn holds moisture better than a shorter lawn.
- Avoid watering on windy days when most water will blow away or evaporate.
- Check your sprinkler system for leaks and broken sprinkler heads and repair promptly.
- Adjust sprinkler heads to prevent overspray onto sidewalks or roadways.
- Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler. Soaker hoses are more efficient and disperse water directly into the ground with less run-off.
- Aerate your lawn at least once a year so water can reach the roots and doesn't lay on the surface.



When watering your garden or container plants:

- 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 underwatering others.
- Use a layer of mulch on the surface of your planting beds to retain moisture and minimize weed growth, which competes with water.
- If there is good rain, consider skipping watering for a day.

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

Calendar of Events

Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa on the Square

Thursday, December 5

Marietta Square
4 until 8 p.m.

Listen to local choirs perform during the event. Meet some of Santa's elves and watch as your letter gets put straight into the hands of the Big Man himself! Letter-writing stations will be set-up throughout the park for individuals who want to send their wishes to Santa.

Event Schedule:

4:45 p.m.: Ugly Holiday Sweater Parade

5:15 p.m.: Santa Arrives

6 p.m.: Tree Lighting Ceremony

For more information, visit MariettaGA.Gov/208/Christmas-Tree-Lighting-Santa-on-the-Square.

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:

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