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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Marietta Power and Water would like to take this occasion to express our appreciation for the opportunity to serve you and those close to you. Here's to cheer, joy, and peace! We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

Adjust Your Thermostat and Save

Did you know that tweaking your thermostat just a few degrees can lead to noticeable savings on your energy bill? Heating and cooling account for nearly half the energy costs in most homes, making it one of the best places to cut back.

1. Set a comfortable baseline. Start by setting your thermostat to the highest comfortable temperature in the summer and the lowest comfortable temperature in the winter. For example, in the winter, try keeping it at 68°F when you're awake and even lower at night or when you're away. In the summer, aim for around 78°F when you're home, and turn it up a few degrees when you're not.
2. Use a programmable thermostat. If you have a programmable or smart thermostat, you can set it to adjust based on your schedule automatically. This way, you can avoid paying for heating or cooling when no one is home.
3. Embrace "Zoning" if possible. Some homes have "zoned" HVAC systems, which allow different areas to be set to different temperatures. If you're not using certain rooms, setting those areas to more energy-efficient temperatures can reduce overall costs.
4. Stay consistent. Changing the thermostat can increase energy use as your system works harder to adjust. Instead, pick a consistent temperature and stick with it as much as possible.

Adjusting your thermostat is a quick and easy way to save money and reduce energy usage.

Visit MariettaGA.Gov/759/Energy-Saving-Tips for more energy-saving tips. ☺



Winter Watering Tips

As the temperatures cool, knowing exactly how much water your plants need before you turn on the sprinkler is essential. Innovative watering practices reduce runoff and may decrease the need for pesticides and fertilizers.



These tips will help keep your lawn green and your water consumption and utility bill down:

- When using a sprinkler, monitor how much you water.
- Turn off your sprinkler to prevent overwatering and weed growth if water begins to pool. Watering plants or grass too frequently can drown plants or result in shallow roots.
- The quickest way to reduce water waste is to locate and repair existing leaks. Inspect all exterior fixtures, basements, and crawlspaces if applicable.
- If your property experiences a catastrophic water leak, knowing the location of your shut-off valve could save you money on water and damage repairs.
- During any season, Georgians must follow the non-drought outdoor water use schedule required in the Water Stewardship Act of 2010. This law allows outdoor water use, but landscape watering should only occur before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. daily. This is done to limit evaporation during the warmest part of the day.

Visit MariettaGA.Gov/765/Rebates-Incentives for more information about our Rebate Programs. ☀

Calendar of Events

Strand Ole Opry: A Country Christmas

Monday, December 23

Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre
7:30 p.m.

Hear your favorite Christmas hits with an extra dose of banjo and fiddle! Opry's back porch-style sing-along features a live country bluegrass band, local singers, and storytelling. Keep the good times going with a post-show hootenanny in the Lumiere Lounge! Join performers for a toast, a drink, and sing-alongs after the show.

Visit TheStrand.My.Salesforce-Sites.com/Ticket/#/ for more information and to purchase tickets.

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 soap
- 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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