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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

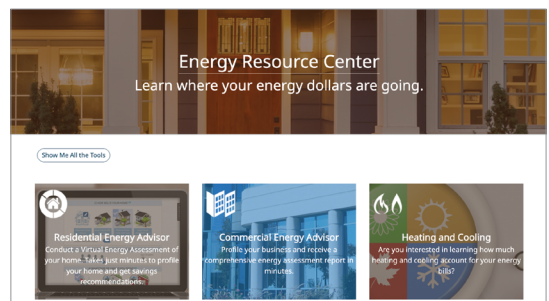
As we enter a new year, we thank you, our valued customers, for your continued trust and support. We are committed to delivering reliable service, sustainable solutions, and innovative programs to meet your needs. Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year!

Warm regards,  
 Everyone at Marietta Power and Water

## Now is a Great Time to Conduct a Whole House Virtual Energy Assessment

A new year is the perfect time to conduct a home energy audit, and with our Virtual Home Energy Calculator, you can do just that. By entering basic information about your home, the calculator quickly estimates your energy bill and potential savings. To use this handy calculator, first visit [MariettaGA.Gov/767/Energy-Calculator](http://MariettaGA.Gov/767/Energy-Calculator).

- Click on the "Residential" tab in the top navigation bar.
- Once on the Residential page, click "Power," then "Energy Calculator." Click on "Energy Resource Center," highlighted in blue, and the Virtual Energy Advisor button is located to the left of the page.
- Click the button and start building your home profile.
- Enter your location using your zip code or city name.
- You will be asked standard questions about your home, such as its size, the number of people living in it, the amount of insulation, the type of heating and cooling systems, etc. Some areas have basic choices or optional advanced details sections for a more accurate energy cost estimate. Click on one of these pre-defined options, and a checkmark will appear above your selection. Then click "Next" when you're done.
- After you've answered all the questions, click the "Show Analysis" button at the bottom of the page to see your results. It's that easy! You are not required to fill out every section, but the more sections you can complete, the more accurate the calculations will be.



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To view a personal summary report with your home's unique evaluation, click "Bill Analysis" in the top navigation bar. You can also see the calculator's estimate of your electricity and fuel use during the past year based on how you described your home in the home profile, your actual weather, and your utility rates.

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

## Be Prepared and Prevent Frozen Pipes

When temperatures drop below 32°F, freezing conditions can cause the water in exposed pipes to freeze. When this happens, pipes can sometimes burst. Places for frozen pipes likely include exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation or crawl space.

**You can prevent your pipes from freezing by following these few simple tips:**

- Disconnect all gardening hoses and install covers on all outside faucets.
- Wrap pipes nearest exterior walls and crawl spaces with pipe insulation or heating tape. This can prevent freezing, especially for interior pipes that run along outside walls. Also, insulate pipes located in unheated areas of your home.
- Identify cold air drafts from a chimney or window and caulk gaps near pipes.
- If you plan to be away from home for an extended period, shut off your water thoroughly. Set the temperature to no lower than 55°F.



Lastly, identify the location of your main water valve and the valve on your water heater. Learning these two valves' locations may be helpful during an emergency.

**To request your free water conservation kit, visit [MariettaGA.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect](https://MariettaGA.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect).** 

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

### Marietta Square Marietta the Gathering

**Saturday, March 1, 2025, 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.**

Marietta the Gathering is held each March in Glover Park at the Historic Marietta Square, celebrating Geek Community, pop culture, and the arts. This family-friendly festival will include:

- **Guild Show:** a collection of art makers, merchandisers, crafters, and smiths
- **Tourney Alley:** a street full of board games, card tournaments, and possibly a video game arcade, as well as several other panels, performances, and contests

We are looking for food vendors, sponsors, and volunteers.

**For more information about the event, visit [MariettaGA.Gov/1480/Marietta-the-Gathering](https://MariettaGA.Gov/1480/Marietta-the-Gathering).**

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