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May is National Electrical Safety Month Protect Your Home and Family

Each May, by celebrating National Electrical Safety Month, we are reminded of the importance of maintaining a safe home environment. Electrical hazards can cause fires, injuries, and even fatalities if not appropriately addressed. Taking a few simple precautions can reduce the risk of electrical issues in your home and ensure your family stays safe.

Home Electrical Safety Checklist:

- ✓ **Inspect Cords and Outlets.** Check all electrical cords for frays or damage and replace them if needed. Avoid overloading outlets or using too many power strips.
- ✓ **Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors.** Ensure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly by testing them monthly and replacing batteries as needed.
- ✓ **Unplug Unused Appliances.** When not in use, unplug small appliances to prevent energy waste and reduce fire hazards.
- ✓ **Check Your Circuit Breaker.** If your circuit breaker trips frequently, it may be a sign of an overloaded circuit or a more serious electrical issue. Consult an electrician if needed.
- ✓ **Keep Electrical Devices Away from Water.** Never use electrical appliances near water, and make sure your hands are dry before handling cords or outlets.
- ✓ **Use the Right Wattage for Light Bulbs.** Ensure that light bulbs match the recommended wattage for your fixtures to prevent overheating and potential fire risks.
- ✓ **Install Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs).** GFCIs help prevent electrical shocks, especially in bathrooms, kitchens, and outdoor spaces.
- ✓ **Schedule an Electrical Inspection.** If your home is over 20 years old or you notice flickering lights, buzzing outlets, or frequently blown fuses, consider having a licensed electrician inspect.



Electrical safety is a year-round priority, but National Electrical Safety Month is a great time to ensure your home's security. Taking these simple steps can help prevent accidents and keep your family safe. For energy saving tips, visit MariettaGA.gov/759/Energy-Saving-Tips.

Smart Watering Tips for Your Yard and Garden This Spring

As the temperatures rise and plants begin to bloom, keeping your yard and garden properly watered is essential. However, inefficient watering can lead to wasted water and higher utility bills. With a few smart strategies, you can maintain a lush, healthy landscape while conserving water and saving money.

- ✓ **Water at the right time.** The best time to water is early morning or late evening when temperatures are cooler. This reduces evaporation and allows plants to absorb moisture more effectively. Avoid watering during the day, as the sun can cause water to evaporate before it reaches the roots.
- ✓ **Use mulch to retain moisture.** A layer of mulch around plants and flower beds helps retain soil moisture, reducing the need for frequent watering. Organic mulches like wood chips or straw also improve soil quality over time.
- ✓ **Adjust sprinklers for efficiency.** Ensure your sprinklers water your lawn and garden—not sidewalks or driveways. Position them properly and adjust the settings to avoid runoff and waste. Consider using drip irrigation or soaker hoses for targeted watering that delivers moisture directly to plant roots.
- ✓ **Water deeply but less frequently.** Instead of watering daily, give your plants a deep soak a few times a week. This encourages deep-root growth, makes plants drought-resistant, and reduces water usage.
- ✓ **Choose drought-resistant plants.** Opt for native and drought-tolerant plants that require less water to thrive. These plants are well-adapted to your local climate and can help reduce overall water consumption.
- ✓ **Monitor the weather and adjust accordingly.** If it's rained recently, skip watering for a day or two. Investing in a soil moisture sensor can help determine when your plants need water, preventing overwatering.



Using these smart watering techniques, you can keep your yard and garden healthy while keeping your water bill in check. For more water-efficient tips, visit MariettaGA.gov/539/Conserve-Protect. 



Sign Up for Emergency Notifications Today!

Staying informed during emergencies is crucial, and signing up for Marietta Power and Water emergency notifications ensures you receive real-time updates on electrical outages, boil-water alerts, and other essential service notices. Don't wait for an emergency. You can sign up at MariettaGA.gov/1413/Outage-Notifications.

To report service interruptions, call (770) 794-5160. 

Calendar of Events



Every third Friday, April through September

2025 Glover Park Concert Series

Marietta Square

8 p.m., Free

The concert lineup:

Apr. 25 The Bourbon Brothers (*Tribute to the Rat Pack*)

May 30 Canyonland featuring Michelle Malone (*California Country Rock*)

June 27 Smokey Jones and the 3 Dollar Pistols (*Classic & Outlaw Country Party Band*)

July 25 The Stranger featuring Mike Santoro (*A Billy Joel Tribute Band*)

Aug. 22* Soul Cartel (*Funk & Soul*)

Sept. 26 Davis and the Love (*Variety Pop Hit*)

*Not the last Friday of the month

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. No plastic ground covering, ropes, tape, stakes, etc., used to section off areas are permitted inside the park as they will be removed, and all personal tables must be set up in the street after 6 p.m., not in the park.

For more info, visit MariettaGA.gov/192/Glover-Park-Concert-Series or call (770) 794-5601.

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