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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.

