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Stay Cool this Summer with These Money-Saving Energy Tips

Adopting a few energy-saving habits can help keep you cool and reduce your cooling costs this summer.

- Set your thermostat higher when you are away and lower when you are home. Each degree below 78 degrees uses five percent more energy per degree.
- Use heat-producing appliances such as the oven, dryer, and dishwasher during early morning or late evening hours to reduce the amount of heat generated inside your home.
- Clean or replace air conditioning filters regularly.
- Use the bathroom fan to remove heat and humidity when showering. Also, ensure bathroom and kitchen fans are vented to the outside, not the attic.
- Ensure that furniture or curtains do not obstruct air vents that supply and return air. Vacuum air vents regularly to remove dust buildup.
- Close curtains and blinds during the hottest part of the day.
- Keep doors closed to rooms that aren't in use.
- Use ceiling, attic, and window fans instead of the air conditioner when possible.



Keeping cool and comfortable this summer doesn't have to mean higher utility bills. For more tips on saving energy, MariettaGA.Gov/759/Energy-Saving-Tips.

Thunderstorm Season

Thunderstorms are very common in Georgia, especially during the spring and summer. Thunderstorm hazards include damaging winds, hail, flash floods and tornadoes. Severe thunderstorms can produce hail of one inch or larger and wind gusts up to 58 mph or greater.

Know the difference between a watch and a warning:

- A Thunderstorm Watch means conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms to develop, but there is no immediate threat.
- A Thunderstorm Warning means a severe thunderstorm has been detected and an imminent threat to life and property has developed.

You can get weather watch and warning information from multiple sources. A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, television, battery-operated radio, cell phone alerts, and sirens are all ways to receive watch and warning information.

How can you protect yourself and your family from severe thunderstorms? By creating an emergency action plan before threatening weather develops. Sit down with your family and decide how you will contact each other, where you will go, and what you will do if severe weather should occur. Here are a few additional tips:

Create a basic disaster supply kit:

- Keep extra water and non-perishable food on hand should you lose power.
- Make sure you have a manual can opener.
- Place flashlights throughout the house.
- Keep extra batteries on hand.
- Charge your cell phone and a backup charger.

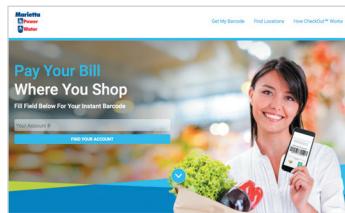


When a severe weather warning is issued:

- If outside, seek shelter in your home or a nearby building.
- Once inside, move to a basement or an interior room on the lowest floor. Some winds from a severe thunderstorm can cause damage equal to a tornado. Put as many walls between you and the outside as possible.

For more information on preparing for a severe thunderstorm and a complete list of emergency kit items, visit GEMA.Georgia.Gov/Plan-Prepare/Ready-Georgia.

Pay with Cash



The CheckOut by PayGo cash payment option allows you to pay a portion—or all—of your utility bill anytime you shop. You can pay your entire bill once a month or a portion of your bill each week. It is up to you!

Current participating retail stores include Walmart, CVS Pharmacies, Family Dollar, Dollar General, Walgreens, and Kroger. Visit MPWCheckout.com for more information and instructions. You will need your account number to log in. A convenience fee of \$1.95 will be added to each cash payment.

Calendar of Events

Thursdays, May through September

Brown Bag Concert Series

Glover Park in Marietta Square
Noon until 1 p.m., Free

Grab your lunch and enjoy free music.

For more information, call the Marietta Parks and Recreation Department at (770) 794-5601.

Last Friday, April through September

2025 Glover Park Concert Series

Marietta Square, 8 p.m., Free

The concert lineup:

May 30	Canyonland featuring Michelle Malone <i>California Country Rock</i>
June 27	Smokey Jones and the 3 Dollar Pistols <i>Classic & Outlaw Country Party Band</i>
July 25	The Stranger featuring Mike Santoro <i>A Billy Joel Tribute Band</i>
August 22*	Soul Cartel <i>Funk & Soul</i>
September 26	Davis and the Love <i>Variety Pop Hits</i>

**Not the last Friday of the month*

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

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