



September 2025

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Celebrating Public Power & Clean Water Week, October 5–11, 2025

We celebrate Public Power & Clean Water Week with approximately 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities providing electricity to 55 million Americans across 49 states and five U.S. territories.

"Marietta Power and Water, like the other 2,000 municipally owned utilities across the nation, is working with one purpose: powering a strong community," said General Manager Ron Mull. "We go to work daily with a sharp focus on our customers. Since we operate here in Marietta and serve our friends and neighbors, we care greatly about customer service, helping folks save energy and money, and providing the most reliable service possible."

Public Power & Clean Water Week is more than just recognition—it celebrates community stewardship, transparency, and local impact. Marietta's utility history and ongoing performance show how public ownership can deliver:

- Dependable, affordable service,
- Clean and renewable energy options,
- Reinvestment in infrastructure and workforce development,
- Creates strong ties between staff and customers,
- Local decision-making that reflects civic priorities.



Today, Marietta Power and Water employs almost 200 employees and serves more than 45,000 industrial, commercial, and residential customers. We maintain 22 substations and 600+ miles of power lines. Our water and sewer department employees maintain sophisticated systems, deliver safe, clean water, and provide prompt and courteous service. For more information about Marietta Power and Water and our commitment to the community, visit MariettaGA.gov/827/About-Us.

Conserving Water in a Dry Georgia Summer: A Look at the Water Stewardship Act



As Georgia faces drier-than-normal conditions this summer, it's important to remember our role in protecting one of our most vital resources—water. In 2010, the Georgia General Assembly passed the Water Stewardship Act, a landmark piece of legislation designed to promote water conservation and sustainable usage across the state. The law encourages residents and businesses to be more efficient in how they use water, especially during drought or low rainfall.

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What you can do to help conserve water this summer:

- **Water Wisely** – Only water lawns and gardens in the early morning or late evening. Use a timer to avoid overwatering.
- **Fix Leaks Promptly** – A dripping faucet or leaking hose can waste hundreds of gallons of water each month.
- **Use Mulch in Your Garden** – Mulch helps retain moisture in the soil, reducing the need for frequent watering.

Small steps can make a big difference. By following the guidelines of the Water Stewardship Act and practicing everyday conservation, we can all help ensure that Georgia has a reliable water supply now and in the future. For more water conservation tips, [visit MariettaGA.gov/539/Conserve-Protect.](#) ☀

Seal the Savings: The Benefits of Caulking Your Windows and Doors

As temperatures rise during warmer months, keeping your home cool becomes a top priority—and so does keeping your energy bill in check. One simple, low-cost solution that can make a big difference is caulking your windows and doors.

Why Caulking Matters – Over time, small cracks and gaps can form around windows and doors. These openings may seem minor, but they allow cool, conditioned air to escape and let hot, humid air in. This means your air conditioner has to work harder, and you may have a higher utility bill. Caulking seals these gaps, improving your home's insulation and energy efficiency.



How to Caulk – Use exterior-grade caulk for outside work and paintable interior caulk for inside seams. Focus on the trim around windows and doors, where gaps are most common. Caulking may seem like a small home maintenance task, but the comfort and cost benefits add up quickly—especially during Georgia's long, hot summers. A few tubes of caulk and a couple of hours of work can lead to a cooler home and a fatter wallet. For more energy-saving tips, [visit MariettaGA.gov/759/Energy-Saving-Tips.](#) ☀

Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 16

10 Women of Hope – Girl's Night Out

The Foxglove
5–8 p.m.

Join us for a night of sipping, shopping & supporting! Proceeds will benefit the mission of 10 Women of Hope, which provides one-time financial support to stable single-parent families in Cobb County experiencing a critical need. The vision of 10 Women of Hope is to impact a family's life by providing financial support during a critical period that results in a positive outcome.

Tickets available at 10WomenofHope.org.

Saturday, October 18

17th Annual Cherokee Heights Arts Festival

Freyer Drive NE between Etowah and Chicasaw Drives
9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Free

- Two music stages
- Local arts and crafts, including: original paintings, woodwork, pottery, graphics, photography, jewelry, metalwork, textiles, baked goods, original books, and much more.
- Food, beverages and beer on tap will be available for purchase.

For more information, [visit CherokeeHeightsArtsFestival.org/About/](#).

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