



# Connected

## Season's Greetings

Warm holiday wishes from all of us  
at Marietta Power and Water!

Thank you for letting us keep your lights bright and  
your water flowing all year long.

Wishing you peace, joy, and prosperity in the New Year.



## Holiday Lighting Safety: Keep the Season Bright and Safe

As homes across Marietta sparkle with holiday cheer, a few simple precautions can help keep your holidays bright — and prevent accidents or electrical hazards.

### Use the Right Lights in the Right Places

Not all lights are created equal. Indoor light strings are designed for dry, protected environments and should never be used outdoors, where moisture and cold can cause damage or create fire hazards. Always check the manufacturer's label — only lights marked for outdoor use should be hung outside.

### Inspect Before You Connect

Before hanging your lights, inspect each string for frayed wires, cracked sockets, or loose connections. Damaged lights should be replaced, not repaired. Using faulty lights can increase the risk of electrical shock or fire.

### Be Smart with Extension Cords

If you're decorating outside, use heavy-duty extension cords rated for outdoor use. Avoid overloading circuits or plugging multiple high-wattage items into the same outlet. Keep cords out of walkways and securely fastened to prevent tripping hazards or damage from doors and windows.

### Turn It Off Before Bed

Always turn off decorative lights and inflatables before going to bed or leaving home. A simple timer can help ensure your display shines safely without needing constant attention.

### Stay Safe, Stay Bright

Holiday lights add warmth and joy to the season — make sure safety shines just as brightly. For more energy-saving tips, visit [MariettaGA.Gov/759/Energy-Saving-Tips](https://MariettaGA.Gov/759/Energy-Saving-Tips).



# Winter Watering Tips




Even in the cooler months, your lawn and garden still need a little care. Smart watering helps keep your landscape healthy and conserves water seasonally.

- **Water wisely:** Most plants need less water in winter. Check soil moisture before watering — if it's still damp, you can wait a few more days.
- **Choose the right time:** Water in late morning or early afternoon when temperatures are above freezing so roots can absorb moisture before nightfall.
- **Protect your system:** Turn off automatic sprinklers and drain exposed pipes on colder evenings to prevent freezing.
- **Mulch matters:** A layer of mulch helps retain moisture and protect roots from temperature swings.

Watering carefully this winter will save water, protect your plants, and prepare your lawn for a healthy spring season. For more water conservation tips, visit [MariettaGA.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect](https://MariettaGA.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect). 

## Beware of Scams

Scammers are contacting Marietta Power and Water customers, claiming their accounts are past due and their service will be disconnected. If this should happen to you, get as much information from the caller as possible. Then, contact Marietta Power and Water at (770) 794-5100 to verify any information the caller provided. If the call turns out to be a scam, contact the Cobb County Sheriff's Department at (770) 499-4600. 



## Calendar of Events

### Winter Wonderland Throughout the Holiday Season

**Marietta Museum of History**  
1 Depot Street, Marietta, GA

Santa and his elves will be at the Marietta Museum of History this season with the beloved Hadley's Photography team ready to capture your family's memories.

Come join us for a 30-minute magical, unique, and private experience with Santa and your family. An appointment to visit Santa is required. Only one appointment per family is required.

Visit [MariettaWinterWonderland.com](https://MariettaWinterWonderland.com) for more information.

### Marietta Square Farmer's Market

**Saturdays, Year-Round**  
9 a.m. until Noon

**GPS Address: 41 Mill Street, Marietta, Georgia**

**Approximately 54 vendors offer products, including:**

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| • Heirloom Tomatoes | • Whole-grain Breads |
| • Cut Flowers       | • Beans              |
| • Potatoes          | • Pattypan Squash    |
| • Local Honey       | • Salad Mix          |
| • Onions            | • Jelly              |
| • Herbal Soap       | • Jam                |
| • Squash            | • 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).**

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