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HAPPY NEW YEAR
from Marietta Power and Water!

*Wishing you a bright and healthy 2026 filled with
comfort, connection, and peace of mind.
We look forward to serving you in the year ahead!*

Prepare Now for Colder Weather

With winter officially here, it's the perfect time to make sure your home is ready for colder temperatures. A little preparation now can help keep you comfortable, lower your utility bills, and prevent costly repairs later. Here are a few simple steps to get started.

Step One: Seal Drafty Windows and Doors – Drafts allow warm air to escape and cold air to enter, increasing your energy bill by as much as 25 percent. Check all windows and doors and seal any gaps using weatherstripping, foam tape, or fresh caulk. Don't forget to look for drafts around your chimney and seal any openings there as well.



Step Two: Protect Your Water Pipes – Freezing temperatures can cause pipes to freeze and even burst. Insulate any pipes located near exterior walls, in crawl spaces, or in unheated areas of your home using pipe insulation or heating tape. During freezing conditions, check your faucets for water flow and pressure before going to bed and again in the morning.

Step Three: Prepare Exterior Plumbing – Disconnect garden hoses and install covers on all outdoor faucets. If you'll be away from home for an extended time, turn off your water completely. Take a moment to locate your main water valve and the valve on your water heater—knowing where they are can be extremely helpful in an emergency.

For more energy-saving tips, visit MariettaGA.Gov/759/Energy-Saving-Tips. ☀

Project SHARE

Project SHARE is an emergency assistance program made possible by the generosity and compassion of people just like you. At Marietta Power and Water, we understand that many customers face challenges in keeping up with rising energy costs. That's why we proudly support Project SHARE by **matching every customer contribution dollar-for-dollar**.



All donations from Cobb County residents stay right here in Cobb County, helping local families in need. Contributions are returned to the Marietta Salvation Army Corps, where they are used to assist your fellow neighbors in Marietta and throughout the county.

To enroll in Project SHARE, visit MariettaGA.gov/384/Project-SHARE, complete the PDF form, and return it with your next utility payment. You may also mail the form to:

Marietta Power and Water
Customer Service Division
675 North Marietta Parkway
Marietta, GA 30060-1528

For more information about how Project SHARE supports your community, call (800) 25-SHARE or (800) 257-4273. ☎

Simple Ways to Conserve Water this Winter



You can save a significant amount of water at home by making a few simple changes.

Check for Leaks – A quick inspection can reveal leaks you may not even know you have. Indoors, watch for dripping faucets, water marks on floors, walls, or ceilings—these often signal hidden pipe issues. Outdoors, unexplained puddles or standing water on pavement may indicate a broken underground line. Repairing leaks not only conserves water but can also lower your utility bill.

To test your toilet for leaks, add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the tank. Wait 30 minutes without flushing. If the water in the bowl changes color, you have a leak. To pinpoint the source, mark the water level inside the tank and turn off the water supply. After another 30 minutes, check the level again. If it hasn't changed, the refill valve or float is likely the issue. If the water level has dropped below your mark, the flush valve or flapper needs attention.

Update Faucets and Showerheads – Older fixtures may use more water than necessary. If your showerhead delivers more than 2.5 gallons per minute (GPM), consider replacing it with a low-flow model. These efficient showerheads mix air with water to reduce usage while still providing strong water pressure. Likewise, if your faucets run at more than 2.0 GPM, swapping out the aerator can make a noticeable difference.

More Easy Ways to Save

- Keep showers under five minutes.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only when full.

For additional water-conservation tips, visit MariettaGA.Gov/539/Conserve-Protect. ☎

Calendar of Events

Marietta the Gathering

Saturday, March 7, 2026

10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Historic Marietta Square

Marietta the Gathering is a festival held each March in Glover Park at the Historic Marietta Square, celebrating Geek Community, pop culture, and the arts. **This family-friendly festival** will include the Guild Show, a collection of art makers, merchandisers, crafters, and smiths; Turney Alley, a street full of board games, video gaming, and open play card gaming tables; as well as several other panels, performances, and contests in and around Glover Park. For more information, visit MariettaGA.gov/1480/Marietta-the-Gathering.

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:

- Heirloom Tomatoes
- Cut Flowers
- Potatoes
- Local Honey
- Onions
- Herbal Soap
- Squash
- Whole-grain Breads
- Beans
- Pattypan Squash
- Salad Mix
- Jelly
- Jam
- Preserves

You may find many fruits and vegetables that are rarely, if ever, available from the grocery store. **For more information, visit MariettaSquareFarmersMarket.com.**

For a complete list of City of Marietta events, please visit MariettaGA.gov and click on Calendar of Events.

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