

**Marietta**



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## COVID-19 A MESSAGE TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

Marietta Power and Water and Cobb & Douglas Public Health would like to remind you that it takes a village to keep the community healthy. It takes a lot of energy to keep homes and businesses powered up, but it takes an entire community to keep everyone healthy. Residents are encouraged to do their part to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

Clean your hands often, disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily, and put distance between yourselves and others. Our community has experienced a lot, but we are all in this together. Learn more at [cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19). For more COVID-19 updates, please visit <http://www.mariettaga.gov/1362/Marietta-COVID-19>. 💧

### Simple Ways to Make Your Existing Windows More Efficient

As summer temperatures creep up, so can your energy bill. Did you know about 30 percent of a home's heating energy is lost through windows? Some energy efficient tips are inexpensive and easy to complete. Here are a few simple tips to help you beat the heat:

**Apply window caulk to prevent air seepage.** Hot air can enter your home through gaps between the sash and window frame. One of the quickest energy and money-saving tasks you can do is caulk. By applying an inexpensive caulk or weather stripping, you can seal those gaps and keep cool air in and hot air out.

**Add window treatments to block sunlight.** Insulated curtains can improve your window's energy efficiency. Thermal insulation in the curtain can reduce drafts and prevent heat from entering your home. Curtains also allow you to let in the sunlight in the morning or later afternoon when temperatures are cooler, but keep sunlight out during the heat of the day.

Blinds are another alternative for reducing heat gained from the sun. Pull-down shades provide another option and can be custom fitted to your windows.

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### Attach awning to block the sunlight.

Installing awnings over windows can reduce the amount of solar heat gain by up to 65 percent on south-facing windows according to the US Department of Energy. Awnings used

on western-facing windows can reduce the heat gained by up to 77 percent.

For more energy saving tips, visit [www.mariettagov.com](http://www.mariettagov.com). 


## Checking for Outdoor Leaks is Easy

Outdoor water leaks can have a major effect on your water bill. To check for an outdoor water leak, locate your meter. Turn off every water-using item inside and outside your home. Check the meter. If the detector dial or arrow is moving, you have a leak. Check your outside faucets and hoses for leaks. Even a small leak can waste gallons of water. The most common outdoor leak occurs when a garden hose connects to a spigot. Use washers to eliminate leaks where hoses, spigots and watering devices connect.

Also, using a nozzle with a shut off valve can help reduce unnecessary or over watering. Make

sure your sprinklers are properly adjusted and are watering your plants and not your sidewalk.

Remember to follow Georgia watering guidelines. It allows daily outdoor watering for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants. Watering between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. is allowed by anyone whose water is supplied by a water system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division.

For more ways to save water, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at [www.mariettagov.com](http://www.mariettagov.com). 

## Calendar

Event information may have changed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Please confirm details with event organizers before attending an event.

### Marietta Square Farmers Market

Online ordering is now available from all of your favorite vendors. For more information, visit <https://store.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com/>.

### Last Friday of each month through September Saturday, October 17

#### Glover Park Concert Series

Glover Park in Marietta Square

8 p.m.

For more information, call (770) 794-5601.

The concert lineup:

- August 28: Super Deluxe (variety party band)
- September 25: The Big Chicken Beatles Band (Beatles tribute band)

#### Harvest Fest

Glover Park in Marietta Square

9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

- HarvestFest Market
- Touch-A-Truck
- Halloween Happenings Kid's Festival
- Costume Contest

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

In an effort to assist local businesses during this difficult time, the City of Marietta will be continuously sharing resources and assistance opportunities as they arise. Please visit <http://www.mariettagov.com/1362/Marietta-COVID-19>.

For a complete list of City of Marietta events, please visit [www.mariettagov.com](http://www.mariettagov.com) and click on Calendar of Events.

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