

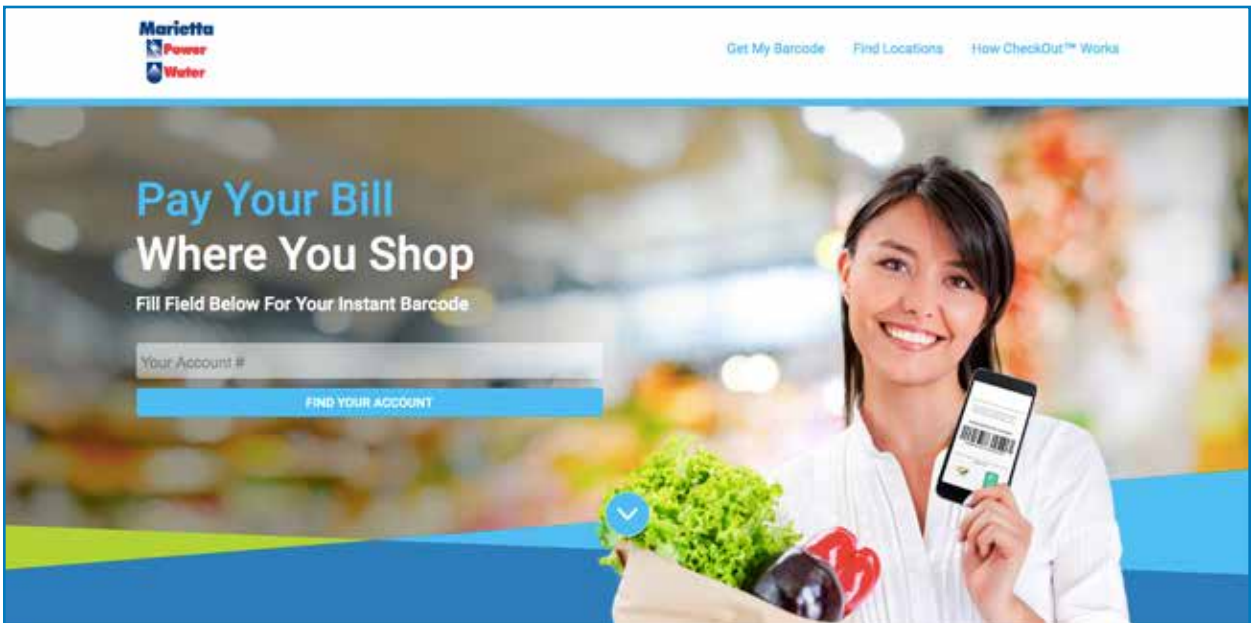
**Marietta**



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# Connected

## Pay Your Utility Bill Where You Shop



CheckOut by PayGo, Marietta Power and Water's newest payment option, allows customers to pay their utility bill with cash while shopping at participating retail stores. Follow these simple steps to use this convenient payment option:

1. Visit [www.mpwcheckout.com](http://www.mpwcheckout.com).
2. Type in your Marietta Power and Water account number.
3. You will instantly receive a barcode. A barcode is also included with your printed utility bill. Your barcode is unique to your account and will be scanned each time you pay.
4. To save your barcode, you can email, print, or save a picture of your barcode on your mobile device.

5. Present the barcode when checking out at one of the participating retail locations.
6. The payment amount will be added to your total purchase and your utility account will be credited when you check out.

Current participating retail stores include CVS Pharmacies, Family Dollar, Dollar General and Walgreens.

More retailers will be added soon! Visit [www.mpwcheckout.com](http://www.mpwcheckout.com) periodically to find additional retail locations. A convenience fee of \$1.95 will be added to every cash payment. For more information, visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). 💧

# Prepare Now for Severe Weather this Spring



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 not an 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 you can 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 in 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 in magnitude to a tornado. Put as many walls between you and the outside as possible.

For more information on how to prepare for a severe thunderstorm and a complete list of emergency kit items, visit [www.gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia](http://www.gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia). 💧

## Calendar

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

### Saturdays Year-Round

Marietta Square Farmers Market

9 a.m. to noon

For more information, visit

[www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com](http://www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com).

You can also order from all your favorite vendors online. For more information, visit

[www.store.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com](http://www.store.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com).

### Every 3rd Saturday

POP-IN for Family Fun

Marietta Museum of History

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come explore the Marietta Museum of History every third Saturday of the month through family fun activities. Cost per person is \$5 with a family maximum of \$20. For more information, call (770) 794-5710 or visit [www.mariettahistory.org](http://www.mariettahistory.org).

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

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