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Observe National Electrical Safety Month This May by Eliminating Hazards in Your Surroundings

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Marietta Power encourages you to take advantage of this great opportunity to make your world a safer place.

Improved product safety engineering, standards, and electrical codes have greatly reduced electrical hazards in recent years. Yet electricity continues to kill nearly 400 people every year. Thousands more experience injuries from electrical shocks. Plus, electricity causes 140,000 fires each year. These fires kill hundreds of people, injure thousands more, and cost billions of dollars in property damage.

For that reason, Marietta Power joins the Electrical Safety Foundation and other power suppliers in encouraging people to take steps that will eliminate potential electricity-related hazards during the month of May.

Suggested activities include:

Emphasizing Awareness

Make thinking about electrical safety a part of everyday activities. For example, the majority of electrocutions occur when construction equipment, ladders, or gardening tools make contact with power lines. So simply paying attention to the location of lines and staying well away from them would save a lot of lives.

Inspect for Hazards

Check your home and office for cracked electrical outlets and damaged light fixtures. Repair or replace appliances whose cords have cracks, breaks, damaged plugs, or other damage. Have a licensed electrician perform periodic electric inspections to avoid overloaded electrical systems. After all, many systems installed prior to 1980 do not have the capacity to handle today's heavier power demands.

Install GFCIs and AFCIs

If you haven't already done so, install arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) and ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) on your property. AFCIs help prevent fires caused by arcing, where electricity has to jump a gap. GFCIs prevent electrocution by shutting off the circuit if they detect a "leak" of current. Test GFCIs monthly and after every major electrical storm.

Make Smart Purchases

Purchase electrical products certified by a nationally recognized independent testing lab, such as Underwriters Laboratories, CSA Group, ETL, and MET Labs.

For more information about improving electrical safety at home and on the job, please visit www.mariettopower.com. ⚡



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Simple Safeguards Can Protect You From Electrical Dangers After Seasonal Storms

Spring and summer thunderstorms bring welcome relief from high temperatures here in Cobb County. Unfortunately, they can also create a wide range of potential hazards beyond the obvious storm-related dangers of high winds, lightning, and flooding.

For that reason, Marietta Power encourages you to take the following precautions to keep you and your family safe during and after inclement weather.

Stay Away From Downed Power Lines

You should never walk anywhere near, or drive over, a downed power line. Don't touch anything that's in contact with a downed power line, either.

Avoid Wading Into Flooded Areas

In addition to downed power lines, submerged outlets or electrical cords can electrify water and create a deadly danger.

Call 911 if You See Someone in Contact With a Downed Power Line

If you touch them or try to move them clear, you will likely find yourself in the same predicament.

Never Use Wiring or Equipment That Has Gotten Wet

Have a licensed electrician inspect and, if necessary, recondition electrical systems or equipment before using them again.

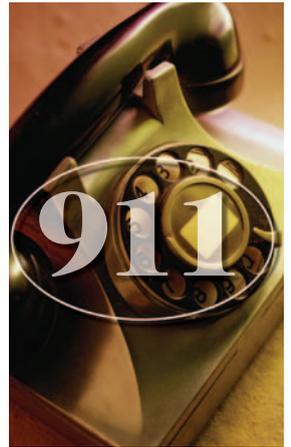
Avoid Overloading Portable Generators

Always read and carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid an overload.

Have Licensed Electricians Install Emergency Generators

This practice will ensure that the generator meets local electrical codes and is properly grounded.

For more information on electrical safety, please visit www.mariettapower.com. ⚡



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1 through 29

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Theatre in the Square, Alley Stage
A hilarious coming of age story of a young girl with a twisted back who moves to rural Mississippi with her mother and meets a religious girl with an evangelical approach to life. Call (770) 422-8369 or visit www.theatreinthesquare.com for information.

Saturday, April 14

Encore Series: Pat Boone

Jennie T. Anderson Theatre
8 p.m.

Pat Boone is recognized as the #10 rock recording artist in history, placing higher on the Billboard chart than either Madonna or Billy Joel.

Call (770) 528-8490 for information.

Friday, April 27

Glover Park Evening Concert Series

Glover Park, Marietta Square
8 p.m.
Free.

The place to be in Marietta the last Friday evening of each month, April through August.

Call (770) 794-5601 for information.

Sunday, April 29

14th Annual Taste of Marietta

Glover Park, Marietta Square
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mmmmmmm.....arietta!

Admission to this flavorful event is free and a project of the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau in conjunction with the city of Marietta. "Tastes," which range from Italian to seafood, steak, BBQ and desserts are from 50 cents to \$4.

For more information, contact the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau, (770) 429-1115 or visit www.tasteofmarietta.com.

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