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Marietta Water Modifies Drought Management Plan and Encourages Continued Conservation Efforts

In response to Governor Sonny Perdue's recent decision to relax water use restrictions, Marietta Water modified its Drought Management Plan that went into effect on April 1. Despite the following changes, city officials remind everyone that it remains imperative for all of us to keep conserving water in all aspects of our daily lives.

The modified Drought Management Plan for Marietta includes the following provisions.

Residential Customers – The conservation rate structure implemented on January 1 will remain in effect. Marietta Water will continue to monitor irrigation meter usage, and illegal usage will result in enforcement actions. The utility will also continue to encourage residential customers to reduce consumption

through educational programs, water use information, and rebate programs. For example, a toilet rebate program offers customers a \$50 rebate for purchasing and installing an approved 1.6 gallon-per-flush toilet, and a \$100 rebate for an approved 1.28 gallon-per-flush toilet. Customers can receive rebates for up to three toilets per home. For additional rebate program details, please call (770) 794-5150 or visit www.mariettawater.com.

Marietta Water also provides the tablets you can use to test to see if your toilet is leaking. To test for a leaking toilet, place the small pellet in the tank to color the tank water. Allow some time to pass, return and look into the bowl. If the dye color shows in the bowl's water you have a leak.

Landscaping – The plan now allows hand watering (defined as one person with one hose with a shut off nozzle) of existing landscaping for 25 minutes a day, on the odd/even watering schedule. Even and unnumbered addresses may water Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and odd

addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays between the hours of midnight and 10 a.m. No irrigation systems may operate under this exemption. In addition, customers may now water new landscape installations for a period of 10 weeks following installation on the odd/even watering schedule. They may also use irrigation systems for newly installed landscaping, but all other watering must follow the hand watering exemption. To qualify for a new landscape exemption, the customer must enroll in the Urban Agriculture Council's online Water Conservation Class at www.urbanagcouncil.com. Only one new landscape exemption will be permitted per planting season. The fall planting season runs September through March and the

spring planting season runs April through August. Invoices from a licensed landscaper will include the date of installation, location of installation, and the type of installation performed.

Customers must submit these invoices and forms obtained from the online class to Marietta Water in order to receive the exemption. Customers can fax these documents to (770) 794-2286.

Pools – Public and private pools may open and operators may top them off as necessary for maintenance. Customers may also fill new pools with municipal water. Owners must cover pools during the off-season rather than drain them and use chemical treatment to resolve maintenance issues. Failure to comply with the new pool policy can result in a water waste penalty. (See "Water Waste Penalty" on back.)

Service Leaks – Marietta Water currently notifies the customer or leaves a door hanger at any address where a slow leak is detected. Customers must repair the leak within 10 days or water service will be

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Drop by Drop, It All Adds Up

Online Water Saver Calculators Show Savings Instantly



Despite recent spring showers, the drought continues to drag on in Georgia. To help customers see how much water they can save with various conservation measures, Marietta Water recently posted new Water Saver Calculators posted on our Website.

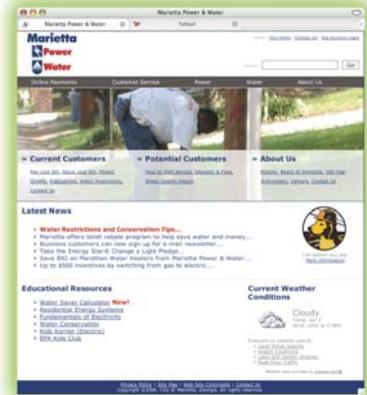
To access these helpful tools, simply:

1. Go to: www.mariettawater.com.
2. Scroll down to Educational Resources.
3. Click on "Water Saver Calculator New!"
4. Click on Water Drop Calculator icon. Move the blue slider bar to indicate the right number of drops. Gallons wasted appear immediately. Fix the leak and save that amount of water.
5. Click on Shower Saver icon. Move blue slider bar to indicate the number of family members. Move blue slider bar to indicate current length of average shower. Move blue slider bar to indicate the shorter shower time you can achieve. Gallons used by the shorter and longer shower time are shown immediately. Make the change and save the difference.

Consider these impressive results:

- A family of two that cuts shower time from the typical shower average of 10 minutes down to six minutes will save 7,300 gallons of water a year.
- Repairing one faucet that's been leaking 30 drops per minute (a "medium-paced leak") will save 1,617 gallons a year.

For more information about conserving water, please visit www.mariettawater.com and click on the "Water Conservation" link. ⚡



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shut off. For leaks greater than 1 gallon per minute Marietta Water personnel will continue to notify customers and shut off water service until the leak is repaired.

Water Waste Penalty – A customer will now receive a written warning the first time they violate water use regulations. A second offense will result in a \$100 fine. Continued violations will result in a \$500 fine for a third offense, and a \$500 fine and discontinuance of water service for fourth and subsequent violations. Violations

subject to a Water Waste Penalty include a broken irrigation system (missing heads, broken pipes, etc.), excessive runoff (water running down the driveway, street, or sidewalk), or a hose running unattended without a shutoff nozzle.

Additional restrictions also remain in effect for commercial and industrial customers. For details on restrictions for commercial and industrial customers, please visit www.mariettawater.com. ⚡

Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 1, 8, 15, 29

Brown Bag Concert Series

Glover Park, Marietta Square
Noon to 1 p.m.

Grab your lunch and meet your friends and co-workers at Glover Park each Thursday in May for the Brown Bag Concert Series. A different performer will entertain each week. For more information call (770) 794-5601.

May 3 and 4

May-retta Daze Arts & Crafts Festival

Glover Park, Marietta Square
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

May-retta Daze is an annual, two day Arts and Crafts festival. For more information call (770) 794-5601.

Friday, May 30

Glover Park Concert Series

Glover Park, Marietta Square
8 to 10 p.m.

The Glover Park Concert Series is "the" place to be in Marietta the last Friday evening of each month April through August. For more information call (770) 794-5601.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

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