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Check Out the Marietta Power and Water Web site for Energy Conservation Tips, Bill Paying, and Many Other Money and Time-Saving Conveniences

Marietta Power and Water wants you to get the best value possible for your utility dollar. One way we help you accomplish this is through our comprehensive and very user-friendly Web site. Go to www.mariettopowerandwater.com to get started on finding ways that can add a few dollars to your wallet and a few minutes to your day.

One-Click Customer Service Makes it Easy to Manage Your Account

The Customer Service drop down box on the home page helps you manage all aspects of your account from starting and stopping service to reporting problems and paying your bill. You'll even be able to download the forms you need. The FAQ section can answer questions you may have, and there is also contact information if you would like to speak with a representative.

Enjoy the Simplicity of Using One Resource for Power and Water Information

The Marietta Power and Water Web site is your one source for water and power

conservation tips, educational resources, and deposit and fee schedules. And the easy-to-use water saver and energy calculators can help you find ways to cut costs on your monthly bill. Also learn about the products, rebates and incentives that are available and can help you save money, water, time and energy.

Bonus features of the Marietta Power and Water Web site include the capability to download past issues of *Connected*. You'll also find our lighting brochure, and even something for the kids! Have fun teaching young ones about energy efficiency and safety in Kids Korner. And the EPA Kids Club makes learning to protect our resources fun through activity books and games.

Take advantage of all that the Marietta Power and Water Web site has to offer. Visit the Web site at www.mariettopowerandwater.com. ↗



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY WITH THESE CHRISTMAS TREE TIPS

Many people consider Christmas trees to be an essential symbol of the season. Whether the tree is real or artificial, the twinkling lights and ornaments help capture the spirit of the holiday. Don't let your holiday season become dampened this year by a fire. Follow these tips from the National Fire Protection Association to keep you and your family safe:

-  When selecting a real tree, choose one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
-  Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2" from the base of the trunk.
-  Add water to the tree stand, and be sure to add water daily.
-  Make sure the tree is at least

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- three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
-  If using an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
-  Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
-  Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
-  Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini-string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
-  Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
-  Always turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
-  After the holiday, discard the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

Make your holiday a merry one by using a little caution this year with your tree.

For more electrical safety tips around the home, visit the Marietta Power and Water Web site at www.mariettagapowerandwater.com. ⚡

Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 3 Christmas Tree Lighting

5 to 8 p.m.
Glover Park, Marietta Square
Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for the kick-off to the holiday season. Festivities include Christmas carols performed by local school choruses. Children can visit with Santa in the gazebo until 8 p.m. Santa will light the giant Christmas tree, donated by Big John's Christmas Trees, at 6 p.m.

For tickets and show times call (404) 377-9948 or visit www.atlantalyrictheatre.com

December 5 and 6 23rd Annual Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour

"Come Behind Closed Doors"
The tour features six private


praise music during the display. The display will be on the Square rain or shine.

Thursday, December 17,
4 to 10 p.m.
Friday, December 18,
4 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, December 19,
11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
For more information visit www.newprovidencebc.com/nativity/

Friday, December 4 Candlelight Shopping on the Square

Marietta Square
Until 8 p.m.
Shops will hold a special open house featuring Santa Claus, carolers, carriage rides and luminaries. Special trolley rides will take place on Saturday and Sunday. Call (770) 429-1115 or visit www.mariettagapilgrimage.com for more information.

historic homes in the Church-Cherokee Street Historic District, lovingly decorated for the season. Homeowners invite you inside for a unique opportunity to discover how they incorporate these historic treasures into their everyday lives. Call (770) 429-1115 or visit www.mariettagapilgrimage.com for tickets and tour times.



Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

December 4 through 20 "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella"

The Earl Smith Strand Theatre
The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn. With great warmth and more than a touch of hilarity, the hearts of children and adults alike still soar when the slipper fits.

December 17 through 19 Nativity on the Square

Glover Park, Marietta Square
Local choirs provide entertainment, singing traditional and contemporary

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