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RESIDENTIAL SURGE PROTECTION PROGRAM SAFEGUARDS COSTLY APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS

Point-of-use surge protection provides some protection against power surges and strong storms but even the most costly high-end electronics such as HDTVs, home theater systems, audio systems, and computer components are vulnerable to surges.

The Marietta Power and Water Residential Surge Protection Program provides the defense you need against surges that can be carried through electrical lines, phone lines and cable lines. Customers receive protection of up to \$50,000 for repair or replacement per incident and up to \$5,000 per item.

To qualify for the program, you must reside in a single-family individually metered home. Other qualifications for the

program include proper grounding and entry points for cable and telephone within five feet of the electric meter. Other benefits include coverage of well and pool pumps if wired to a main electrical panel that has surge protection implemented by Marietta Power and Water on it.

The monthly fee of only \$9.99 is a small price for big peace-of-mind. The pricing includes one protection device for your home's electric meter, one for a cable/satellite line, and one for a phone. The plan requires a one-time, up-front installation cost of \$25 and a three-year contract.

For additional qualification requirements and other information, call (770) 794-5102 or visit www.mariettopowerandwater.com. ✎

Add Up the Many Ways to Save Energy and Money with the Home Energy Calculator

Marietta Power and Water has the formula for helping you save energy and money. With the Home Energy Calculator, part of the HomeEnergySuite™, reducing your costs is just an equation away, and the math is done for you! By entering basic information about your home in the online application, you can quickly find out how your energy dollars are being spent.

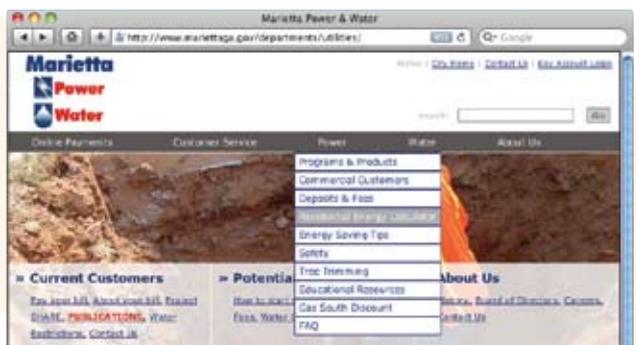
The graph provides a one-year look at the month-by-month approximate energy costs for heating and cooling along with the costs of operating the most energy-consuming appliances in your home. You'll discover not only where you can save in your overall energy consumption, you'll also find the information you need to make the necessary changes. Modify any of the variables in the calculator to get an instant assessment of dollar savings or expense you can expect.

With direct links to the Home Energy Library, you'll have the tools

to make informed decisions about new purchases and how they can reduce your total energy bill. And through the detailed summary table, you'll learn your annual kWh use and costs. You can also choose to have the report e-mailed to you.

TV Energy and Space Heater Calculators that provide kWh information are also available in the HomeEnergySuite™.

To put the Home Energy Calculator to work for you, go to www.mariettopowerandwater.com and click on Power then Residential Energy Calculator. ✎



WARM YOUR HOME THIS WINTER

for Less Money Through Proper Insulation

With cooler temperatures finally here, fall is the perfect time to catch up on your home's "to-do" list. If winterizing your home isn't already on your list, you'll probably want to find a way to include it to help ensure lower heating costs this season. By making sure your home is properly insulated, you can stay comfortably warm and still keep heating costs down.

Not sure if your home may need more insulation? Some guidelines to use in determining if your home is a candidate:

- 🔊 If your home was built before 1980.
- 🔊 If a new addition, siding or roofing has recently been installed.
- 🔊 If you can easily hear noise from outside.
- 🔊 If the temperature in your home is frequently uncomfortable in winter.
- 🔊 If your energy bills are often high.

Air leaks are a common source of heat loss in the home, and the attic is generally one of the most significant sources of potential cost savings. Make sure the amount of insulation in your attic meets local recommendations.

Cool breezes near windows, doors, and wall outlets can be remedied easily and inexpensively. Here are some low-cost quick fixes that can help you stay within budget:

- 🔊 Use clear weather strip tape on windows along the gap where the glass meets the frame, and also on any cracks that may be present.
- 🔊 Tape over the pulley hole on double-hung windows and use rope caulk between upper and lower windows.
- 🔊 Install foam weather stripping with adhesive backing between the door and frame for doors that leak around the entire frame.
- 🔊 Seal with caulk along the basement sill plate and around door and window frames.
- 🔊 Stop air leaks under exterior doors by using a door sweep.
- 🔊 Install foam gaskets behind light switch and electrical outlet cover plates.
- 🔊 Seal holes around water pipes and stuff insulation into big holes around plumbing fixtures.

If your home still feels drafty and cold after detecting and correcting air leaks, you may need to add insulation to the exterior walls. Other potential problem areas include the crawl space and basement. Check with a professional contractor for insulating these areas in your home.

For more tips on saving energy this winter, visit www.mariettago.com. 🌟

October 15 and 16

"Forever Plaid"

The Strand Theatre
8 p.m.

This off-Broadway musical comedy affectionately revues the close-harmony "guy groups". This benefit performance for Hickory Hills Arts Academy will have a 7:30 p.m. pre-show performance featuring Hickory Hills Arts Academy students. For ticket prices and times please visit www.earlsmithstrand.org.

Friday, November 13

70 Years of "Gone With the Wind"

Gone With the Wind Museum
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For more information call (770) 794-5576 or visit gwtwmarietta.com.

November 18 through

January 3, 2010

"A Tuna Christmas" at Theatre in the Square - Alley Stage

For ticket prices and times call (770) 422-8369 or visit www.theatreinthesquare.com.

Thursday, November 19

"Evening with History" at Marietta Museum of History

7 to 9 p.m.
"Brown Bag Banters" and "Evening with History" events are a part of the annual Lecture Series. The events are free to members and \$5 for non-members.
For more information or to make reservations, call (770) 794-5710 or visit www.mariettahistory.org.

November 24 through

January 3, 2010

"Sanders Family Christmas" at Theatre in the Square - Main Stage

For ticket prices and times call (770) 422-8369 or visit www.theatreinthesquare.com.

Thursday, November 26

Gobble Jog - 5 K and 10 K

Glover Park in Marietta Square
7 to 11 a.m.
Can't run? Be a Phantom Runner! We will mail you your well-deserved race shirt! All proceeds benefit MUST Ministries.
For more information, or to register for the event, visit www.gobblejog.org.

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