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*Happy 2014  
from Marietta Power and Water!*

## Providing Dependable Utility Services for Over 100 Years

As a valued customer of Marietta Power and Water, you know that we continuously strive to provide reliable, quality service while keeping your utility costs down. Unfortunately, there are times when we must increase our rates in order to operate and maintain our utility systems.

Effective January 1, 2014 rates for water will increase due to a ten cents per thousand gallons wholesale cost increase. The dime increase will be passed through to the ratepayers to recover additional costs. Our average residential customer uses about four thousand gallons of water per month and will see their water bill increase forty cents per month.

There will be no increase in our wastewater rates.

We are continuing to review our electric wholesale cost increase and anticipate a final decision within a few months.

Marietta Power and Water appreciates your business and we pledge to continue to provide dependable utility services to our customers at the lowest possible price. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (770) 794-5150. 



# Seal Air Leaks and Save Money

Areas that leak air into and out of your home can cost you a lot of money. Simple fixes include installing weather stripping on doors and caulking around windows, while bigger jobs might include sealing leaks and adding insulation in your attic.

First, test your home for air tightness. On a windy day, carefully hold a lit candle or a match next to your windows, doors, electrical boxes, plumbing fixtures, electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures, attic hatches, and other places where air may leak. If the flame travels horizontally, you have located an air leak that may need caulking, sealing, or weather stripping.

## Tips on Sealing Your Home:

- Caulk and weather strip doors and windows that leak air.
- Caulk and seal air leaks where plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring comes through walls, floors, ceilings, and soffits over cabinets.
- Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls.
- Inspect dirty spots in your insulation for air leaks and mold. Seal leaks with low-expansion spray foam made for this purpose and install house flashing if needed.
- Look for dirty spots on your ceiling paint and carpet, which may indicate air leaks at interior wall/ceiling joints and wall/floor joists, and caulk them.
- Cover single-pane windows with storm windows or replace them with more efficient double-pane low-emissivity windows. See the Windows section for more information.
- Use foam sealant on larger gaps around windows, baseboards, and other places where air may leak out.
- Cover your kitchen exhaust fan to stop air leaks when not in use.
- Check your dryer vent to be sure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire.
- Replace door bottoms and thresholds with ones that have pliable sealing gaskets.
- Keep the fireplace flue damper tightly closed when not in use.
- Seal air leaks around fireplace chimneys, furnaces, and gas-fired water heater vents with fire-resistant materials such as sheet metal or sheetrock and furnace cement caulk.

For more information on energy efficiency visit [www.mariettapowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettapowerandwater.com). ❄️



## Calendar

### February 7-15, 2014

Romeo and Juliette

Atlanta Ballet  
Cobb Performing Arts Centre  
For more information call  
(404) 892-3303 or visit  
[www.atlantaballet.com](http://www.atlantaballet.com).

### February 15-16, 2014

Pinocchio

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### Saturday, February 1

Yacht Rock Schooner

Earl Smith Strand Theatre  
For more information call  
(770) 293-0080 or visit  
[www.earlsmithstrand.org](http://www.earlsmithstrand.org)

### Save the Date Sunday, April 27, 2014

21st Annual Taste of Marietta  
Marietta Square

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