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## Celebrate Your Membership as a Public Power Customer During Public Power Week October 5 – 11



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As a Marietta Power and Water customer, you are one of 47 million Americans who benefit from a community-owned, not-for-profit electric utility company. Marietta Power and Water make it their mission to provide reliable and safe electricity at a reasonable price.

Celebrate the many advantages of using public power during the 28th Annual Public Power Week October 5-11, 2014. As a valuable community asset, our public power and water system contributes substantially to the well being of local citizens through utility and energy efficiency, environmental protection, economic development and safety awareness.

To get the most for your money as a Marietta Power and Water customer, visit [www.mariettopowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettopowerandwater.com) for the complete list of services available to you. 💧

## Marietta Water Celebrates Clean Water Week October 5-11, 2014

Did you know that there are 1 billion people on this planet who do not have access to safe drinking water? Almost 2 billion people across the globe do not have adequate sanitation. In our busy lives, it is easy for us to forget how fortunate we are to live here in Marietta, Georgia in the United States of America. We have clean water delivered right to our home and have it taken away after we use it.

During Clean Water Week we like to reflect on the importance of our water resources and infrastructure. In order to keep those resources healthy and our infrastructure working, we must all work together to protect our environment and support water and sewer infrastructure projects. 💧



## A Few Easy Ways to Make Your Windows More Energy Efficient



Windows allow us views to the outdoors and let in beautiful sunlight, however they can also bring in heat from the summer sun and let out heat in the winter. While installing energy-efficient windows will reduce your energy costs, that type of project can also be expensive. Luckily, there are a few inexpensive and easy-to-do measures that you can take to increase the efficiency of the windows you already have.

Add window treatments. Curtains, shades and blind can reduce the amount heat from summer sunshine and can help keep heat in during the winter.

Weatherize your windows. By caulking around window frames on both the inside and outside of

your home you can reduce leaks and drafts due to small gaps or cracks.

Install window films. Installing window films are an easy, do-it-yourself project for reducing heat loss in the winter.

If you do decide to replace your windows, select units that are ENERGY STAR certified. ENERGY STAR windows are 15 percent more energy efficient than standard models. The Efficient Windows Collaborative provides valuable information on window selection, performance, and available incentives.

For more energy saving ideas, visit [www.mariettpowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettpowerandwater.com). 🔥

## Keep Cool During These Last Weeks of Summer

Fall is just around the corner bringing cooler temperatures with it, but until then use these tips to keep cool and conserve energy.

Every degree below 78 degrees will increase the amount of energy that your air conditioner uses by 3 to 5 percent. Keep your thermostat set between 76 and 78 degrees. Set the thermostat a few degrees higher when no one is home for more than an hour. Also, remember to turn off window air conditioners when everyone leaves a room.

Use an accurate thermometer to check the accuracy of your thermostat, and have the thermostat recalibrated if necessary.

Trim weeds and shrubs from around your air conditioner's outdoor unit. Clear dead leaves away as well giving the unit at least two feet of clearance on all sides — and six feet above. This will allow air to flow freely.

Remember to shut doors and windows tight so your cool air doesn't leak out and replace your air filter every two to three months.

For more suggestions on keeping your electric bill low, please visit [www.mariettpowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettpowerandwater.com). 🔥

## Calendar

### Friday, September 26

#### Citrus Magic Glover Park Concert Series

Glover Park in Marietta Square  
8 p.m.  
Paradocs (Variety)  
For more information visit  
[www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov) or call  
(770) 794-5601.

### Saturday, October 18

#### Harvest Square Arts and Crafts Festival

Glover Park in Marietta Square  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Halloween Happenings 1 to 5 p.m.  
For children ages 12 and younger. Includes  
activities, DJ, candy, and pumpkin patch  
(until all pumpkins are gone).

Scarecrow winners announced at 1:45 p.m.  
Costume Contest for kids, tweens and  
groups at 2 p.m.  
Pets Costume Contest at 3 p.m.  
For more information visit  
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