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## Residential Surge Protection Program Provides Essential Precaution Against Damage to Electronic Equipment

Electronic equipment is the foundation for many of the comforts of home. And as such a valuable aspect of our everyday lives, it makes sense that we ensure that they are able to function properly with as little interruption as possible. Marietta Power can help provide this peace of mind through the Residential Surge Protection Program.

Point-of-use surge protection provides some defense, but it is not adequate for all appliances. Even the most costly high-end electronics such as HDTVs, home theater systems, audio systems, and computer components are vulnerable to surges. Damage caused by strong storms is only one source of threat. Other common sources of power disruption are not as apparent. Sometimes electric motor activity from something as simple as shop equipment can cause power fluctuations.

The Residential Surge Protection Program provides protection for electronics and appliances by protecting against a variety of

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.

The program is available to Marietta Power single-family homeowners living in an individually metered home. Other benefits include coverage of well and pool pumps if wired to a main electric panel that has surge protection implemented by Marietta Power on it.

The value-conscious price of the plan is \$9.99 per month and includes one protection device for the home's electric meter, one for a cable/satellite line, and one for a phone line. A one-time up-front installation cost of \$25 is required, along with a three-year contract.

For more warranty information and additional customer qualifications, call (770) 794-5102 or visit [www.mariettopowerandwater.com](http://www.mariettopowerandwater.com). ⚡

## Enjoy a Picnic and Listen to Music Under the Stars!

The 2009 Glover Park Concert Series is "the" place to be in Marietta the last Friday evening of each month April through August. The concerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. (rain or shine) in and around the Marietta Square. For more information call (770) 794-5601 or visit [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov).

- April 24 .. Brookwood Split - Oldies/R&B**
- May 29 .. The Return - Beatle tribute**
- June 26 .. Infinity Show Band - Beach/Oldies**
- June 27 .. Cobb Symphony Orchestra**
- July 31 ... Grapeview - Rock n' Roll/Beach**
- Aug. 28 .. The Mustangs - Pop/Oldies**
- Sept. 25 .. Ryan Casper - Country** ⚡

The series is produced by the Downtown Marietta Development Authority and the City of Marietta. Special thanks to the following sponsors: Marietta Power & Water, Brand Energy and Infrastructure, Coldwell Banker/Whitlock Ave, Croy Engineering, EPI Companies, Fun-Fare, Hanie, Litchfield and Crane, Keep Marietta Beautiful, Marietta Business Association, Marietta Welcome Center, Pit Stop, Pugmire Lincoln Mercury Isuzu Suzuki, Republic Services, Vinings Bank, WSB 750AM.

# Get the Summer Holidays Off to a Safe Start by Observing Electrical Safety Month

Marietta Power encourages you to get the summer season started off right by making sure your home's electricity is in safe working order. Occurring each year in May, National Electrical Safety Month helps prevent fire-related accidents by promoting awareness regarding potential hazards.

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, hundreds of people are electrocuted each year in their homes. The National Fire Protection Association reports that more than 53,000 fires and \$1.4 billion in property losses occur each year due to electrical problems.

Some warning signs include frequently blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers,

dimming or flickering lights, discolored or warm wall outlets, and feeling a tingling sensation when touching an electrical appliance. Consult a qualified electrician if you experience any of these problems.

Other important safety measures include Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs) and Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs), both of which recognize fire hazards and shut off the power. Tamper-Resistant Outlets (TROs) have been so effective in preventing child injuries that they are now routinely included in new construction.

For more information about electrical safety, visit [mariettapowerandwater.com](http://mariettapowerandwater.com). ⚡

## *Generations of Love* - A Women's Brunch

**Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. to noon**

Enjoy great food, great company and a great speaker at A Women's Brunch, honoring grandmothers, mothers and daughters. This event is sponsored by 10 Women of Hope, an organization designed specifically to help single moms who are experiencing an essential financial emergency. Zonya Brewton, author of the popular, inspirational book "Poems to Our Daughters," will be the guest speaker. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase her book at the Brunch. Commemorative photos of the brunch will also be available for \$10 each.

The Brunch will be held at Zion Baptist Church located at 165 Lemon Street in Marietta. Admission is \$15 per person; reserve seats by April 24. Mail reservation requests along with a check to 10 Women of Hope, P.O. Box 235, Marietta, GA, 30061.

No accommodations will be available for young children. For more information, e-mail 10 Women of HOPE at [womenofhope@gmail.com](mailto:womenofhope@gmail.com).

For more information call (770) 427-8523. ⚡

## Calendar of Events

### May 2 and 3

#### May-retta Daze Arts & Crafts Festival

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Glover Park - Marietta Square  
May-retta Daze is an annual, two day Arts and Crafts festival. The festival has a wide variety of arts and crafts items, includes children's activities and free entertainment on the stage. For more information call (770) 794-5601.

### Thursday, May 7, 14, 21 and 28

#### Brown Bag Concert Series

Noon to 1 p.m.  
Glover Park - Marietta Square  
Grab your lunch and meet your friends and co-workers at Glover Park for the Brown Bag Concert Series. A different performer will entertain each week. For more information call (770) 794-5601.

### Saturday, May 9

#### 3rd Annual Go Girl! Festival

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Glover Park - Marietta Square  
Free Admission!  
Family festival celebrating Girls! Play games, live DJ, refreshments, various performances, free dance lessons, shop & enjoy a day at Historic Marietta Square. Proceeds benefit the Ruth Mitchell Dance Theatre. For more information call (770) 426-0007.

### Saturday, May 16

#### "A Salute to Our Troops"

3 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
The Earl Smith Strand Theatre - 117 North Park Square  
The Big Chicken Chorus presents "A Salute to Our Troops." Join the Big Chicken Chorus on Armed Forces Day for a patriotic and inspirational performance of classic tunes in the Barbershop style. For more information call (770) 293-0080.

### Saturday, May 30

#### 97.1 The River 4th Annual "Wing N' Rock Fest" Event

2 to 10 p.m.  
Glover Park - Marietta Square  
Free Admission  
Marietta is gearing up for wings, bands and some "heated" competition on May 30 with the wing eating contest at 5:30 p.m. For more information call (404) 897-7856.

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