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Simplify Life! Combine Marietta Power and Water's Budget Billing and Automatic Bank Draft Programs

Careful budgeting and keeping up with multiple due dates can make the whole bill paying process a little overwhelming at times. Marietta Power and Water would like to lighten your load a bit by giving you one less monthly bill to juggle through the Budget Billing and Automatic Bank Draft programs.

With power and water usage varying significantly throughout the year, determining a set monthly budget can be quite challenging. However, by using the Marietta Power and Water Budget Billing Program you can reduce the seasonal fluctuations in your bill by having one amount billed each month based on an average of the previous 12 months of consumption. On the anniversary date of your sign-up, your account will be credited for any overpayment made or a charge for the difference owed will appear. In order to qualify, you must be a residential customer maintaining a satisfactory credit rating. Participants are also required to commit to the program for a full year.

And to make it even easier, with the Automatic Bank Draft Payment Program, you don't have to worry about writing and mailing a check, dropping off the payment, or even when the bill is due — the net amount is automatically deducted from your bank account each month.

Enrolling in both programs is simple. Application forms are available for downloading on the Marietta Power and Water Web site at www.mariettopowerandwater.com. Click on the Customer Service link and choose Pay Your Bill from the drop down menu.

Drop off or mail the completed application forms, including a voided check for the automatic bank draft, to Marietta Power and Water, 675 N. Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA 30060.

Or contact the Marietta Power and Water Customer Service Department at (770) 794-5150. It's that simple. ⚡



MAKE WATER CONSERVATION A WAY OF LIFE

Although our lake levels have improved considerably over the past year, with water restrictions remaining in place, water conservation is still a foremost concern for area residents. And even when there is an abundant supply, maintaining a water-wise type of lifestyle is a good practice. Try adopting these smart water habits inside and outside your home:

Indoor:

- Don't pre-rinse dishes before placing them in the dishwasher. Testing done by

Consumer Reports has found that it is not necessary and can save up to 6,500 gallons of water each year.

- Wash clothes only when there is a full load and save up to 600 gallons each month.
- Catch shower water as it heats up and save approximately ten gallons.
- Make sure aerators are installed on all faucets.

Outdoor:

- When planting a flower bed, use plants with lower water requirements; also

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Get the Summer Off to a Money-Saving Start by Conserving Electricity



The long summer days go a long way in helping out the monthly electric bill simply by providing additional natural lighting. And saving energy is not only good for the environment; it's also good for your wallet. Here are some more tips for saving some money toward that summer vacation:

- Switch out incandescent light bulbs to CFLs. Energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs use up to 75 percent less energy than standard bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.
- Although they are more expensive than CFLs, consider using LED bulbs to save even more energy. Mercury-free and longer lasting, LED bulbs are especially earth friendly and are a particularly good choice for hard-to-reach places, and for lights that are turned off and on frequently throughout the day.
- Now that the weather is warm, consider using a clothesline instead of a dryer. Or

when using a dryer, don't overload it — clothes will take longer to dry and are more prone to wrinkling.

- Make sure furniture or other items are not blocking air conditioning vents.
- Consider installing patio covers, awnings, and solar window screens to shade your home from the sun and reduce cooling costs.
- Use ceiling fans, attic fans and window fans instead of the air conditioning when possible.
- Change air conditioning filters monthly.
- Clean the coils behind or underneath the refrigerator to keep it operating efficiently.

For more energy saving tips, visit the Marietta Power and Water Web site at www.mariettopowerandwater.com. ⚡



MAKE WATER CONSERVATION A WAY OF LIFE CONTINUED

incorporate the “right plant in the right place” principles associated with Xeriscaping.

- Apply mulch to ornamental plants and vegetables to reduce watering and also weeding.

- Adjust mower blades to a higher setting; longer grass blades shield roots and help retain moisture.

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Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 4

Fourth in the Park

Glover Park in Marietta Square
Come celebrate the Fourth of July with arts and crafts, concerts, carnival games, food concessions and more!

Schedule of Events

10 a.m. – Marietta Freedom Parade

Noon – Colgate Country Showdown

2 p.m. – National Bell Ringing

2:15 p.m. – Awards Ceremony

2:30 p.m. – Cobb Wind Symphony

8 p.m. – Peachtree Station

Dark – Fireworks Display
(Rain date: Monday, July 6)

For more information call (770) 794-5601.

Saturday, July 4, 11, 18, 25

Marietta Square Farmers Market

9 a.m. to noon

Glover Park in Marietta Square.

The market features products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including fresh vegetables, fruits, herbs, plants, flowers, honey, breads, garlic, cheese and other items.

North Park Square and a portion of Mill Street will be closed from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday mornings for the market.

For more information call (770) 499-9393.

Friday, July 31

Glover Park Concert Series

8 to 10 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square.

Grapevine (Rock n' Roll/Beach)

For more information call (770) 794-5601.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

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