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Level 1 Drought Declared

We all need to use wisely.

Bathroom

- ❖ Replace older toilets with high efficiency toilets. You may qualify for a toilet rebate. Go to www.northgeorgiawater.org to learn more.
- ❖ Reduce your shower by 2 minutes and you can save 3 gallons per shower.
- ❖ Turn off the water while you shave or brush your teeth and you can save at least 100 gallons a week.
- ❖ Check your toilet for leaks. Put food color in your toilet tank and wait 10 minutes. If it seeps into your toilet bowl, you have a leak.

Kitchen

- ❖ Scrape your dishes instead of rinsing before placing in the dishwasher, and you can save 6 gallons a day.
- ❖ Limit dishwashing to FULL loads, and you can save at least 2 gallons a load.
- ❖ Use the fridge to thaw frozen food.

Around the House

- ❖ Look for EPA WaterSense and EnergyStar labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures. These products have been independently tested and verified to save at least 20% more water compared to conventional products.
- ❖ Fix leaky faucets as soon as you notice them. A leak of 60 drips a minute wastes 192 gallons a month.
- ❖ Do only FULL loads of laundry. Cutting back one load of laundry can save up to 45 gallons per load.

Lawn and Garden

- ❖ Water lawns and outdoor plants only between 4pm and 10am. It's Georgia law.
- ❖ More plants die in Georgia from overwatering than underwatering. One inch of rain or water every 7-10 days is all your plants need.
- ❖ Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.
- ❖ Install a rain sensor so your system won't run when it's raining.
- ❖ Landscape with native plants or plants well adapted to our region.
- ❖ Water the base of the plant instead of leaves. This saves water and reduces disease.
- ❖ Group plants with the same watering needs together.
- ❖ Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway, sidewalk and deck.

Download a PDF of the Water Conservation brochure at www.mariettopowerandwater.com.

Due to ongoing dry conditions, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has issued a Level 1 drought for 53 counties in north Georgia, including Cobb County.

The outdoor water use schedule required under the Water Stewardship Act of 2010 remains in place statewide. This schedule allows outdoor water use year-round between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.

Marietta Power and Water encourages our customers to conserve water and water resources. If you want to find out more about outdoor water conservation and ways to conserve and save water, please visit the following resources:

Water Conservations Tips

- www.mydropcounts.org
- www.watersmart.net

Watering Guidelines

- epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation

Visit the Marietta Power and Water website to get information on how to perform a Household Water Assessment, use the Water Drip or Shower Calculators, or download a Water Conservation brochure. Marietta Power and Water also provides free water conservation kits for residential customers. To find these resources visit www.mariettopowerandwater.com and click on Water Conservation under Helpful Resources. 💧

Your Outdoor Water Conservation Checklist

Follow these few simple tips to save water and money.



- Water early in the morning when temperatures are at their lowest. Georgia's outdoor water schedule allows for watering between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.
- If you have an irrigation system, turn off your sprinklers when it rains.
- Check your irrigation system monthly for water leaks.
- Use a trigger nozzle on your hoses so water will only spray where it is needed.
- Use a broom to clean driveways and other hardscape instead of your hose.
- Remove dying plants and weeds that compete for available water.
- Aerate your lawn and apply compost periodically to improve water absorption.
- Monitor your outdoor water use. Don't allow water to run off onto sidewalks and streets.
- Check for water leaks around your hoses and spigots.
- Direct downspouts toward shrubs or trees.
- Install a rain barrel to collect rain water for watering lawns and gardens.
- Water the roots and soil around plants rather than spraying the leaves and flowers.
- Repair broken, clogged, sunken or tilted sprinkler heads.
- Use the sprinkler for larger areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste. 💧

Calendar

Saturdays

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Marietta Square
9 a.m. until noon

For more information, visit www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com or call (770) 499-9393.

Saturday, October 29

Trick or Treat the Square

Marietta Square
2 until 6 p.m.

Free
Trick or Treat the Square takes place in and around Marietta Square and is family friendly fun for all.
For more information, visit www.trickortreatthesquare.com.

Marietta Power and Water will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Saturday, November 12

Marietta Square Artists Market

Mill Street
9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Free
Held the 2nd and 4th Saturdays April through November.
For more information, visit www.artistsmarketmarietta.com.

November 18 through March 5, 2017

Marietta Square Winter Wonderland

Marietta Square
This Holiday season, The Marietta Square transforms into a nostalgic *Winter Wonderland* featuring open-air ice skating, Santa's Workshop, multi-story Christmas tree and more!
For more information, visit www.mariettasquare.com or www.winterwonderlandmarietta.com.

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