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Take a Do-It-Yourself Household Water Assessment and Find Out Where You Can **SAVE**

Performing a Water Assessment on your home can help you save money on your utility bill. Start by determining how much water you use. Use either your water bill or your water meter to calculate your water usage. The average number of gallons used per person in the winter time is 70, and in the summer, 91.

Here are a few easy ways to check your water consumption and save money:

Check for water leaks. First, turn off all water-using fixtures. Then, check the meter dial for any movement. If the meter is moving when all the water in the house is turned off, you may have a leak. Also, any sudden increases in your water bill may indicate a leak.

Check and change fixtures to save money. If your showerhead uses more than 2.5 Gallons per Minute (GPM), you could save water by replacing it with a new low-flow showerhead. If your faucets (bathroom, kitchen or other) use more than 2.0 GPM, you may need to change your existing aerator.

Visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com and click on the Resources tab in the top navigation. Under this tab you can request a free water conservation kit, use the water calculators, download a Household Water Audit Checklist, and read more Water Conservation Tips. 💧

Do It Yourself Household Water Assessment

How Water-Smart Is Your Household?

Is your house as water-efficient as it can be? This do-it-yourself household water use assessment will help you understand how much water you use, identify leaks and show you ways to reduce your water use. It will help you conserve water and save money at the same time!

1 How much water do you use?

Look at your water bill

The best way to determine how much water you use in a day is to calculate it from your water bill. Check how your bill measures water; it may be in cubic meters (m³), cubic feet (CF or CCF), gallons (gal) or liters (L). If your bill is not in gallons, use the conversion table to the right. If your water bill does not display average daily use, you can calculate it by dividing the number of gallons by days in the billing cycle. Divide this by the number of people living in your home. Record your answers on the included worksheet.


Check your water meter

Another way to estimate use is by reading your water meter. Water meters record how much water is used per household. Water meters are usually located near the front of your property. To determine how much water is used in your household, read your meter at the same time on two consecutive days. Subtract the first reading from the second one to see how much you use in a day. Repeat including weekends and weekdays and take the average reading.

How to conduct a Household Water Use Assessment

The assessment includes:

- Analyzing how much water you use
- Detecting leaks (pipes, toilets and faucets)
- Checking for and using water-efficient appliances
- Outdoor water use
- Changing your water ways



m³ x 264 = gallons
CCF x 748 = gallons
L x 0.264 = gallons

How Efficient Is Your Water Use?

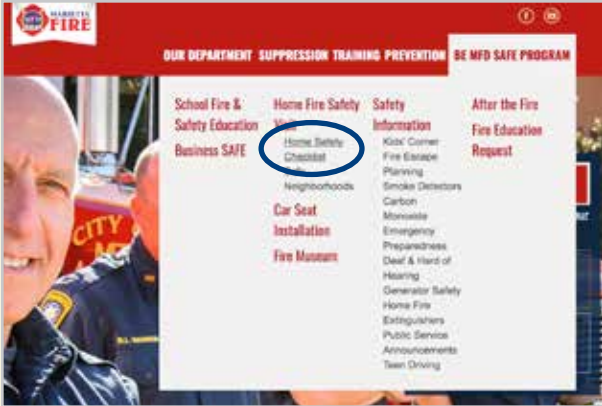
How does your water usage measure up? Note that water use varies by season. Now that you have calculated your water use per person per day, as described above, use that number to compare your usage to the rest of the metro area.

Gallons per Person per Day			
Winter	Summer	Rank	Comments
50 to 65	65 to 80	EFFICIENT	You are using water wisely! Share your techniques with your friends and neighbors.
70	91	AVERAGE	You use water like the average north Georgia resident. Learn how to conserve water and reduce your water bill.
Exceeds 70	Exceeds 100	INEFFICIENT	You are using too much water. Find out how to reduce waste and significantly reduce the bill.

Source: Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Water Supply and Water Conservation Plan, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Water Conservation Plan Guidelines (2014)

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June is National Safety Month and the Perfect Time to Put a Home Safety Plan in Place



You and your family's safety are important. While statistics about home injuries are alarming, preventing them can be quite easy. Putting a plan in place to reduce the number of accidents can help you and your family prevent the most common home injuries.

The Marietta Fire Department has created a checklist to help you make your home safe. Visit

www.mariettafire.com and click on the Be MFD Safe Program in the top navigation bar, then click Home Safety Checklist under Home Fire Safety Visit. The checklist includes safety tips for the following topics:

- ✓ Cooking/Kitchen Safety
- ✓ Electrical Safety
- ✓ Exterior
- ✓ Fire Extinguishers – What to look for
- ✓ Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials Checklist
- ✓ Heating Equipment & Fireplace Checklist
- ✓ Developing & Practicing a Home Escape Plan
- ✓ Smoke Detectors Checklist
- ✓ Smoking Materials & Candles Checklist

For more information about safety, please visit www.mariettafire.com. 💧

Calendar

Saturdays 9 a.m. until noon (year-round)
Sundays Noon until 3 p.m. (May through October)

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Marietta Square

For more information, visit

www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com

or call (770) 499-9393.

Last Friday each month, April through September

Glover Park Concert Series presented by LGE Community Credit Union

Glover Park in Historic Marietta Square

8 p.m.

Free Admission

The 2018 concert lineup:

April 27

Band X

Party Rock band

May 25

Electric Avenue

80's MTV experience

May 26

Symphony on the Square

Orchestral Pops music

For more information, visit www.mariettaga.gov/concerts or call (770) 794-5601.

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