

Stage 3 Possible, But Far From Certain

The Edwards Aquifer Authority announced Stage III pumping restrictions on area pumpers as the 10-day average level of the Edwards Aquifer dropped below 640 feet. SAWS, however, has delayed recommending deeper restrictions on its water customers.

“Our customers have done a great job reducing water use so far this year,” said Greg Flores, vice president of Public Affairs for SAWS. “If they can keep it up and approximate last year’s usage levels we may be able to avoid imposing deeper restrictions this year.”

SAWS is currently pumping 40 million gallons of water per day from its underground Twin Oaks Aquifer Storage and Recovery facility. This, and other non-Edwards supplies, will allow SAWS to stay in full compliance with reduced access to the Edwards Aquifer under the EAA’s restrictions.

The ASR has approximately 80,000 acre feet (26 billion gallons) of water stored underground. SAWS’ seven non-Edwards water supply sources will continue to meet water demands while complying with the EAA’s 35 percent Stage III pumping cutback from the Edwards. Non-Edwards water accounts for one-fourth of San Antonio’s available potable supplies during this year’s drought.

“We are not pumping any more than we are allowed from the Edwards Aquifer,” added Flores. “It is important that we continue helping the regional efforts to manage the Edwards and spring flow.”

SAWS continues to carefully monitor both demand and supply, and Stage 3 for SAWS customers is still a future option if drought conditions do not improve.

Additionally, SAWS has increased the number of off-duty officers to enforce Stage 2 restrictions. Violations of watering day, time or water waste are grounds for a citation without prior warning.

Under Stage 2, watering with a sprinkler, soaker hose or irrigation system is allowed only during the hours of 7-11 a.m. and 7-11 p.m. on your designated day:



Watering day set by last digit of street address

M	Tu	W	T	F
0 1	2 3	4 5	6 7	8 9

No watering with sprinklers on weekends. Hand watering allowed any day and time.

More details are available at saws.org/drought.



Your Investment at Work

Alamo at Guenther Project

Scope: Replace aging infrastructure **Cost:** \$3.6 million

Ever wonder just how deep SAWS sewer lines are? Picture the San Antonio River. Now... picture tunneling 50 feet below the river’s bottom to replace crumbling, hand-laid-brick sewers — some dating back to 1922 — with shiny, new pipes large enough for a 5-foot-tall person to stroll through.

That’s exactly what SAWS is doing

at Alamo and Guenther streets near the Blue Star Arts Complex and King William District. It’s all part of a major street and drainage improvements project that will enhance water and sewer service to the southeast quadrant of the city.

Additionally, the \$3.6 million project includes the replacement of 400 feet of water main.

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Don't Be a Drip – Irrigate Wisely

Drip irrigation is well-suited for landscape beds, where it can deliver water directly to plant roots via carefully spaced emitters laid on top of the ground. It also helps homeowners save water by separating their thirsty grass from the rest of the landscape.

However, drip systems can use a lot of water when installed over large areas. Wrapping your entire landscape in thousands of feet of tubing can dramatically increase the cost of installation — and your water bill.

There are several things to keep in mind before converting your entire landscape to drip irrigation:

- Xeric plants don't need drip. If you've gone to the trouble of installing cenzos, yuccas and native plants in general, water them by hand to get them established.
- Mature native plants in the shade don't need drip.
- Couplings are key. Make certain extra drip tubing is connected using couplings rather than just wound around plants.

Drip irrigation should only be installed by a licensed irrigator.

WaterSaver Patioscape Coupon Returns Enjoy Outdoor Living More While Watering Less

Back by popular demand, the Patioscape Coupon gives SAWS residential water customers another way to reduce landscape watering needs while making their outdoor living space more beautiful — and more functional.

Qualified applicants will receive either a \$100 coupon if they don't have irrigation in their landscape or \$200 if they do have an irrigation system.

The coupon is good only for the purchase of the featured item that will comprise the main surface of the patio: flagstones, pavers or stepping stones. Base and fill materials also are required to construct a functional patio, but are not covered by the coupon.

Patioscapes must be constructed in a way that makes them pervious to water, allowing rain to reach the ground underneath. No concrete, mortar, asphalt or other impervious construction is allowed.



The Patioscape Coupon program runs through July 31. For more information or to apply, visit saws.org/patio.

SAWS CEO Goes 'Down Under' for Pipeline Project



SAWS President/CEO Robert Puente took an expedition to one of SAWS largest construction locations, the Western Watershed W-6 Project site.

The \$8.3 million project includes nearly two miles of pipe and will bring additional sewer capacity to Southwest San Antonio. While at the site, Puente observed the installation of a 96-inch fiberglass reinforced pipe, as well as several large concrete junction box structures.

San Antonio Summer Art & Jazz Festival

May 30 - June 1
Crockett Park
1300 N. Main
(at Cypress)

Texas Folklife Festival

June 7 & 8
Institute of Texan Cultures
801 E. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.
texasfolklifestival.org

5K Texas Zombie Run

June 13-14
National Shooting Complex Obstacle Course
5931 Roff Rd.
scallywampus.com

Efficient Irrigation

June 21
San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston
sabot.org