

Spring Showers Wash Away Drought Stage Watering Rules

In typical Texas-weather fashion, the rains came and stayed awhile — quenching (and drenching) San Antonio’s parched landscapes and bringing an end to Stage 2 and Stage 1 watering rules for now.

San Antonio’s investment in diverse water sources beyond the Edwards Aquifer, such as Vista Ridge, desalination and Aquifer Storage and Recovery, has brought water security to our city, helping us avoid the more severe watering cutbacks seen elsewhere in the region in recent years.

Thanks to plentiful rain in May, things are a little greener than usual heading into the dog days of summer — including our lawns.

In the absence of drought stage rules, you might be tempted to water more often to keep that lush, emerald turf from withering in the summer heat. If you do, don’t be surprised if your next water bill is a real soaker.

SAWS uses tiered pricing to encourage water conservation. So the more water you use, the more you’ll pay per gallon. But it also means you can save money quickly with small reductions in water use.

The good news is most lawn grasses and native plants rarely need more than one good, deep watering per week.

The best way to save water and money this summer? Stick to a one-day-per-week watering schedule. Better yet: Hand water using a hose-end spray nozzle. Your water bill will be lower,

and you’ll also protect your lawn from fungus and diseases caused by overwatering.

You can also spruce up your yard with colorful, native plants that save water (and money) all year long with SAWS WaterSaver coupons and rebates. Learn more and apply online at GardenStyleSA.com/coupons.

For weekly, science-based watering advice and other timely tips, visit GardenStyleSA.com.



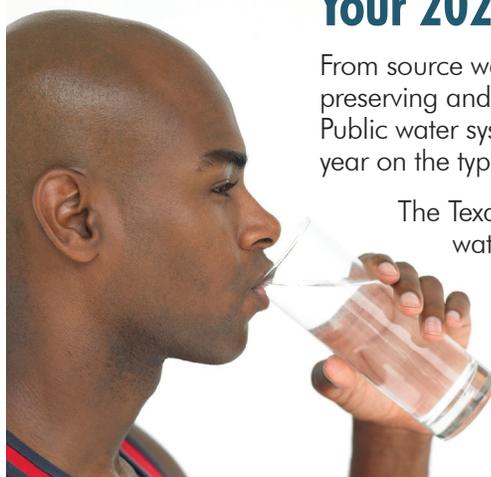
Your 2021 Water Quality Report

From source water to the consumer’s tap, SAWS is committed to preserving and protecting the drinking water quality of our community. Public water systems like SAWS are required by law to report every year on the type and quantity of substances in their water.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality conducts water quality tests and provides the results for the report.

To learn more about San Antonio’s outstanding public water supply, view your 2021 Water Quality Report online at saws.org/waterqualityreport.

Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar 210-233-3546.





This is your shot — get your COVID-19 vaccine.

For the latest coronavirus guidance for San Antonio and Bexar County, visit sanantonio.gov/covid19. You can also text “COSAGOV” to 55000 or call 311.

Make Sure SAWS Can Reach You In a Water Emergency

Do we have your current phone number and/or email address?

If not, log in at saws.org/myaccount and look for the “Manage Accounts” button in the upper right corner (or main menu on mobile). Select “Mobile Number” or “Email” to enter your updated information.



No Internet access? Just give us a call at 210-704-SAWS (7297) and we'll be happy to update your contact information for you.

**Customer Service and
24-hour Emergency
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Light Up Your Landscape

Whether you called them fireflies or lightning bugs as a child, it's always fun to see their friendly flickers floating about the yard.

Give your garden a glow of tiny twinkling lights with these firefly-friendly garden practices. They'll spark many magical summer evenings.

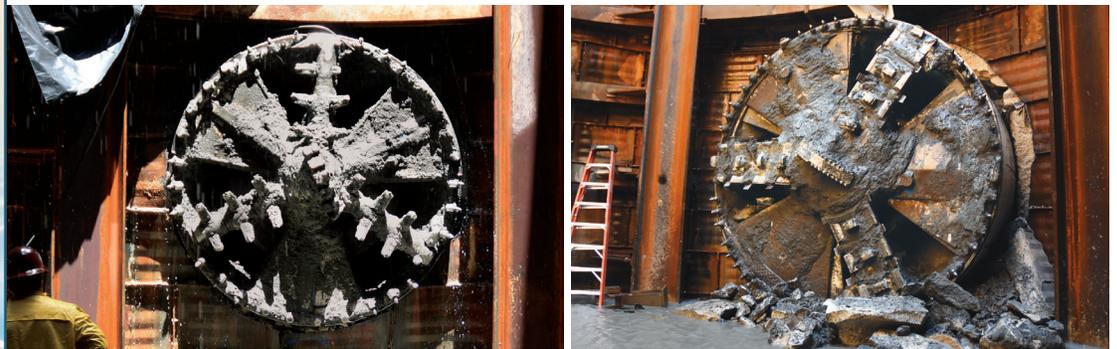
- Create a small wildflower meadow or keep a little corner of your yard planted with tall grasses and shrubs.



- Leave your leaf litter undisturbed. Some firefly species live among fallen leaves as larvae.
- Cut back on how often and how short you mow when you see fireflies out. Adults often hang out on the ground during the day.
- Turn off outdoor lights and close the curtains at dusk. Light pollution can interfere with their mating behavior.

Remember to always practice catch and release. Fireflies will dry out and die when kept in jars.

Two Holes in One



Twice as “boring,” but twice the power. Two tunnel boring machines completed their months-long underground journeys just hours and a few feet apart in May for SAWS' massive W-6 sewer replacement project along U.S. Highway 90 and SW Military Drive. The project to replace and upsize a giant sewer main near Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland involves five miles of tunnels, to avoid disrupting traffic and military activity on the surface. Construction is expected to be completed in 2023.

Need More Time To Pay Your Bill?

Paying your utility bill doesn't have to be a struggle.

If you can't pay the full balance on your SAWS bill, set up a payment arrangement to keep your account in good standing and give you more time to pay.

Here's how:

1. Visit saws.org/arrangement.
2. Select the number of months you'd like to pay (3, 6 or 9 months). Your total

account balance will be divided up into equal, affordable monthly payments.

3. Starting with your next bill, you will pay the total current charges on your bill *plus* the payment arrangement amount.

You can also sign up for payment arrangements by calling 210-704-SAWS (7297).

Still having trouble paying your bill, even with a payment arrangement? SAWS Uplift offers 14 different assistance programs with one simple application. Apply today at saws.org/uplift.