

## Expanded WaterSaver Coupons Spring Up in May

### Customers Can Apply for Up to 8 Coupons

It's the mother of all coupon offers.

Imagine transforming your landscape over a six-month period and getting \$800 in coupons from San Antonio Water System to help pay for it. All while saving water and money on your water bill.

Starting in May, SAWS residential customers can apply for up to eight WaterSaver coupons (you heard right!) to replace part of your thirsty lawn with lush, drought-tolerant garden beds and/or permeable patios. Combine the landscape and patioscape coupons any way you like. And customers can participate all the way through Oct. 31.

For each coupon, you must remove at least 200 square feet of lawn grass, the single most water-demanding element in a residential landscape.

Each coupon is intended to cover only a portion of the cost. Apply for

all eight coupons and you can transform a total of 1,600 square feet of outdoor space from bland to beautiful.

Planning and design are key to making smart water-saving landscape changes. Be sure to identify and measure the areas to change and visualize the beautiful lush flower beds and inviting outdoor living spaces you can create with the WaterSaver coupons.

If you have an automatic irrigation system, schedule a free irrigation consultation now. To take advantage of the WaterSaver coupons, you'll need to cap all the irrigation heads in the area where you will install beds or patios. If the required changes to your system are extensive, you may also qualify for our residential irrigation design rebate, which may further defray the cost of your project.

Even procrastinators can find time for this six-month coupon offer.

Learn more and apply online at [GardenStyleSA.com/coupons](http://GardenStyleSA.com/coupons).

## Got Billing Questions? Let's Chat!

Ever wish you could reach SAWS online from the comfort of your couch? Or that SAWS' call center was open on Saturdays when it's more convenient? Wish no more! It's all part of our ongoing effort to make customer service more accessible to better serve you.



CHAT

To chat with a customer service rep 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon-Fri., visit [saws.org/chat](http://saws.org/chat).

Our call center is open Saturdays 8 a.m. - noon for payments and account inquiries at 210-704-7297. Weekday hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



PHONE

Join the **MySAWS** conversation:





▶ Struggling to pay your water bill? SAWS affordability programs can help. SAWS offers income-based programs to help ease the financial burden. To learn more visit [saws.org/afford](http://saws.org/afford).

# Local Calendar

## SAWS Celebrates Silver Anniversary

The date was May 19, 1992.

Boyz II Men was harmonizing on the radio, “My Cousin Vinny” was hot at the box office and “Roseanne” was primetime TV’s unlikely sweetheart.

And San Antonio Water System was created.

May 19 marks the silver anniversary for SAWS. Twenty-five years ago, City Council voted to establish a single utility responsible for water, wastewater, storm water and reuse. Three separate water entities — City Water Board, City Wastewater Department and the Alamo Water Conservation and Reuse District — were combined to create SAWS.

Since then, San Antonio has been recognized nationally for its pioneering conservation efforts and proactive water management planning.

Today, SAWS serves more than 1.7 million people in Bexar County, including customers of the former Bexar Metropolitan Water District, as well as parts of Medina and Atascosa counties. This population is served via a vast, unseen network of pipes, pumps and plants, including more than 12,000 miles of water and wastewater mains.

So happy silver anniversary to us! Here’s to another 25 years of making San Antonio Waterful!

## Community Day at the H<sub>2</sub>Oaks Center

Unless you’ve been living in a galaxy far, far away, you’ve probably heard about San Antonio’s new desalination plant: the H<sub>2</sub>Oaks Center.

But did you know it’s one of the largest inland desalination plants in the country? And that the location is actually home to three water supplies? That’s right, desalinated water, stored Edwards Aquifer water and local Carrizo Aquifer water are all managed from the H<sub>2</sub>Oaks Center control room.

But don’t just take our word for it. Come see for yourself! SAWS is hosting a community open house for you to learn about our newest water source and tour this state-of-the-art facility.

Transportation to the H<sub>2</sub>Oaks Center in far south Bexar County will be provided from SAWS Headquarters.

**Saturday, June 10**  
SAWS Headquarters  
2800 U.S. Hwy 281

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8:30-11:15 a.m.  
11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
2:45-5:30 p.m.

There are some restrictions in place for safety purposes. You must be 18 years or older to tour the plant and you must reserve a seat on the shuttle in advance. Private vehicles are not allowed.

Space is limited. Reserve your seat now at [saws.org/tour](http://saws.org/tour).



## Pencil In Some ‘Green’ Summer Fun

Now it’s easy to find local “green” activities including tours, children’s events, lectures and public extravaganzas — all in one place!

The Garden Style San Antonio website has been undergoing some renovations lately, and we’re thrilled to announce a new event calendar feature.

The calendar is located on the right side of the [GardenStyleSA.com](http://GardenStyleSA.com) home page. There you’ll find

all sorts of local green activities including nature walks, plant sales, children’s events, gardening workshops and lectures, among others.

It’ll be updated often as new events come to our attention. Check it weekly to find out what’s happening in your neck of the woods and area of interest.

**Bulverde Oaks Nature Preserve Tour**  
June 3  
Bulverde Oaks Nature Preserve  
Judson Road at Loop 1604  
[greensatx.org/events](http://greensatx.org/events)

**Texas Folklife Festival**  
June 9-11  
UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures  
801 E. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.  
[texasfolklifestival.org](http://texasfolklifestival.org)

**Juneteenth Festival San Antonio**  
June 16-17  
Comanche Park #2  
2600 Rigsby Ave.  
[sanantonio.gov/parksandrec](http://sanantonio.gov/parksandrec)

**Beginner Bird Walks**  
June 24  
Mitchell Lake Audubon Center  
10750 Pleasanton Rd.  
[mitchelllake.audubon.org/events](http://mitchelllake.audubon.org/events)

**Fourth of July Artisan Show**  
June 30-July 3  
River Walk Extension (near Convention Center)  
[thesanantonioriverwalk.com](http://thesanantonioriverwalk.com)