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Fall Into Landscape Savings — WaterSaver Coupons Are Back!

The wait is over — it's time to put your fall landscaping plans in motion. The 2018 autumn edition of WaterSaver Coupons is finally here!

Since 2013, thousands of San Antonians have replaced over 3 million square feet of water-guzzling grass with dazzling drought-hardy plants and patioscapes. Thinking about redesigning your landscape? These coupons make it easy and affordable!

You can apply for up to four WaterSaver coupons through Oct. 15. You must remove at least 200 square feet of grass per coupon. Be creative — combine landscape and patioscape coupons any way you like to build an inviting outdoor space.

If you have an in-ground irrigation system, you must schedule an onsite consultation

when you apply. You may even qualify for an additional irrigation rebate.

WaterSaver coupons must be redeemed by Nov. 11. Learn more and apply online at GardenStyleSA.com/coupons.



Investment, Innovation and Conservation Produce Waterful Solutions

This summer has seen record-breaking temperatures, and we're still under drought restrictions. As San Antonians struggle to stay cool, SAWS is hard at work to ensure quality water is available in times of drought.

SAWS experts have overseen the development of diversified water supply projects, advanced water conservation efforts, and efficient water management to ensure San Antonio will have water security in the driest of times. And soon we'll have 16 water projects from nine sources.

A big part of accomplishing this is the investment in drought management technologies such as Aquifer Storage & Recovery. With ASR, SAWS stores excess water

underground in the Carrizo Aquifer during rainy times and retrieves it during drought. This earth-friendly technology is a main part of the SAWS 2017 Water Management Plan, which forecasts future water needs and conservation goals to keep us water secure.

Advances like ASR, coupled with a continued focus on conservation, provide a one-two punch for the community to weather drought periods.

Through innovation and planning, SAWS ensures water for your family — not just today, but also for your grandchildren in generations to come.

Find out more at saws.org/waterful.



Join the MySAWS Conversation:





Learn how to work with your property at **WaterSaver Landscape Design School**, Oct. 18 at The Wells Center, 303 Pearl Parkway. Information and registration: info@gardeningvolunteers.org or 210-251-8101.

Event Calendar

Bulverde Oaks Nature Preserve Tour

Oct. 6

Bulverde Oaks Nature Preserve
5126 N Loop 1604 East
(near Judson Rd.)
greensatx.org/bulverde-oaks

Chalk It Up

Oct. 13

Artpace San Antonio
Houston Street (downtown)
artpace.org/chalk-it-up

Artisans In the Garden

Oct. 21

Ella Austin Community Center
1023 N. Pine St.
facebook.com/EastsideSprout

Beginner Bird Walk

Oct. 27

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
10750 Pleasanton Road
mitchelllake.audubon.org

Día de Los Muertos

Oct. 27-28

La Villita Historic Arts Village
418 Villita St.
muertosfest.com

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More San Antonians now have an intimate knowledge of our city's early water supply systems, including some that are still in use today. The group took part in the Waterful History Tour, an up-close-and-personal look at 300 years of water history in the Alamo City. The tour began at Brackenridge Park, the site of several noteworthy artesian wells — and the location of Pumphouse No. 1. Constructed in 1878, the facility diverted water from the San Antonio River to storage reservoirs. The group also visited the historic Market Street Pump Station and Espada Dam, the oldest continually used Spanish colonial dam in the U.S.

City Storm Water Utility Fee Changes Proposed

Consistent with the five-year rate increase approved by City Council in 2015, the proposed City of San Antonio budget includes a Transportation & Capital Improvements Storm Water Utility Fee adjustment.

SAWS collects the fee on behalf of the City of San Antonio-TCI. Revenues generated from the fee will be used to provide service enhancements to storm water capital and maintenance projects.

The fee changes are proposed to be effective **Oct. 1, 2018**. For more information, visit www.sanantonio.gov/TCI/Projects/Storm-Water-Fee.

Residential Rate Category	Impervious Area in Square Feet	Monthly Fee	
		FY 2018	FY 2019
Tier 1	≤ 2,750	\$3.60	\$3.67
Tier 2	> 2,750 - 4,220	\$4.74	\$4.83
Tier 3	> 4,220	\$10.02	\$10.22

Non-Residential Base Monthly Fee		FY 2018	FY 2019
		\$64.53	\$65.82
Non-Residential Rate Category	Percent Impervious Area	Monthly Fee per 1,000 Square Feet	
		FY 2017	FY 2018
Tier 1	≤ 20%	\$0.29	\$0.30
Tier 2	> 20% - 40%	\$0.43	\$0.44
Tier 3	> 40% - 65%	\$0.56	\$0.57
Tier 4	> 65%	\$0.71	\$0.72

The Storm Water Utility Fee is not a San Antonio Water System rate or service.

Main Break Season 101



Several San Antonio City Council members got a firsthand look at SAWS main break repairs this summer. Crew members explained the process of valving off the leak, calling for locates and initiating repairs. San Antonio's clay soil can shift dramatically when it dries out, causing pipes to flex and sometimes rupture. Among city leaders lending a hand were District 6 Councilman Greg Brockhouse, left, District 7 Councilwoman Ana Sandoval, center, and District 5 Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, right.