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Dig This: WaterSaver Coupons Are Back

Thousands of San Antonians have replaced part of their water-guzzling grass with dazzling drought-tolerant plants or patioscape. Will you be next?

If you've been thinking about sprucing up your landscape, SAWS WaterSaver Coupons make it easy and affordable.

You can apply for up to four WaterSaver Coupons through Oct. 15. That adds up to \$400 in landscape savings — or even more if you have an in-ground sprinkler system.

For each coupon, you must remove at least 200 square feet of grass. Be creative and combine landscape and patioscape coupons any way you like to build an inviting outdoor space.

WaterSaver coupons expire **Nov. 17** so don't wait! With more than 100 drought-hardy plants and dozens of patio materials to choose from, you're sure to find a look that complements your home and your lifestyle.

Learn more and apply online at GardenStyleSA.com/coupons.



It literally took an act of Congress for the largest sewer replacement project in San Antonio history to finally get underway.

SAWS leaders were joined Aug. 7 by U.S. congressmen Henry Cuellar and Will Hurd, along with Mayor Ron Nirenberg and military officials, to break ground for the W-6 sewer main replacement project along U.S. Highway 90 to SW Military Drive near Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.



Cuellar and Hurd worked together to secure federal funding for the pipeline.

The much-needed infrastructure project, in the planning stages since 2007, will cost up to \$210 million and serve more than 500,000 people.

The work involves five miles of tunneling more than 100 feet below ground to avoid disrupting traffic and military activity.

Construction is scheduled to begin mid-2020 and will take about three years.

Join the MySAWS Conversation:



Event Calendar

Discover Birds at Brooks

Oct. 5

The Greenline at Brooks
2532 Sidney Brooks
mitchelllake.audubon.org

Chalk It Up

Oct. 12

Artpace San Antonio
Houston Street and Main Avenue
artpace.org/chalk-it-up

Outdoor Film Series: The Goonies

Oct. 17

Mission Marquee Plaza
3100 Roosevelt Ave.
missionmarquee.com

Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Festival

Oct. 20

Pearl Brewery
312 Pearl Parkway
texasbutterflyranch.com

BOOtanica Plant Sale

Oct. 26-27

San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston Place
sabot.org

Customer Service and 24-hour Emergency

210-704-SAWS (7297)
saws.org/waternews

Know Your Flow and Earn Some Dough

Ever had a high water bill you couldn't explain? Or worried about a leak damaging your home while you're away? The new Water Flow Sensor Rebate may be a great option for you.

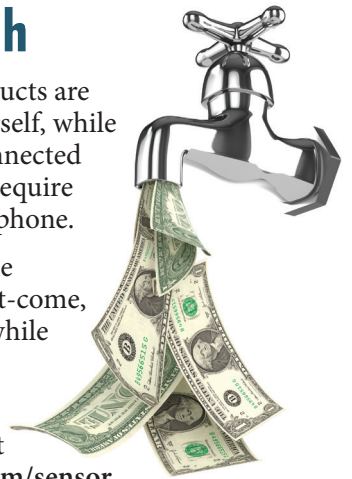
Flow sensors use the power of your smartphone to let you know when your water is running. This can tell you exactly how much water you're using — in real time — and determine if you have a leak.

Now qualified customers who purchase a SAWS-approved flow sensor can get a \$150 rebate.

Some eligible products are easy to install yourself, while others must be connected by a plumber. All require Wi-Fi and a smartphone.

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis while funding lasts.

Learn more and apply online at GardenStyleSA.com/sensor.



Save the Date: San Antonio Herb Market is Oct. 19

Every October, herb growers, plant vendors and local artisans converge on the grounds of Pearl Brewery for a celebration of savory sorts. It's the San Antonio Herb Market and this year the star of the show is giant blue hyssop.

Enjoy cooking demonstrations featuring the herb of the year and many



other fall herbs. And you can shop for vegetables and landscape plants for your garden, as well as herbal food products and handmade crafts.

Saturday, Oct. 19

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Pearl Brewery
303 Pearl Parkway

City Proposes Changes to Storm Water Utility Fee

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, 2019. For more information, visit sanantonio.gov/TCI/Projects/Storm-Water-Fee.

Residential Rate Category	Impervious Area in Square Feet	Monthly Fee	
		FY 2019	FY 2020
Tier 1	≤ 2,750	\$3.67	\$3.75
Tier 2	> 2,750 - 4,220	\$4.83	\$4.94
Tier 3	> 4,220	\$10.22	\$10.45

Non-Residential Base Monthly Fee		FY 2019	FY 2020
		\$65.82	\$67.30
Non-Residential Rate Category	Percent Impervious Area	Monthly Fee per 1,000 Square Feet	
		FY 2019	FY 2020
Tier 1	≤ 20%	\$0.30	\$0.31
Tier 2	> 20% - 40%	\$0.44	\$0.45
Tier 3	> 40% - 65%	\$0.57	\$0.58
Tier 4	> 65%	\$0.72	\$0.74

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