



WATER NEWS

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Proposed Water Management Plan Goes on the Road

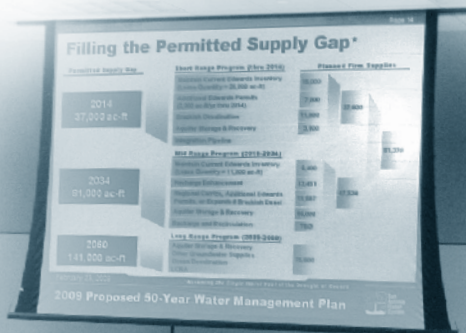
SAWS Staff Seeking Community Input, Feedback

Since the proposed 50-year Water Management Plan was formally presented to the Board of Trustees, SAWS staff has been sharing it with the community for feedback and input.

“The Water Management Plan isn’t complete yet,” said Vice President of Public Affairs Greg Flores. “Public response is a very important part of moving it forward. This plan will carry the community through 2060 and beyond.”

Through April, SAWS will seek input from nearly 90 organizations locally and throughout the region, as well as from stakeholders such as customers, elected officials, community leaders, landowners, business partners, and water entities and associations.

Find out more about the updated 2009 Water Management Plan at www.saws.org.



Last Digit of Street Address	Watering Day
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday
No watering on weekends	

Stage 1 Drought Restrictions in Effect Sprinkler Watering Limited to Once a Week

The long, dry spell has finally triggered water restrictions. San Antonio City Manager Sheryl Sculley officially announced Stage One water restrictions after the Edwards Aquifer dropped to 660 feet.

Watering with a sprinkler or irrigation system is allowed once a week before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. on your assigned day, as determined by the last number of your street address. Remember: the watering day begins and ends at midnight. Overnight watering is not allowed.

For more details on restrictions concerning pools and surface washing, visit www.saws.org/drought.

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Collect kitchen grease and dispose of in trash. Find out how you can beat the Grease Monster at www.saws.org/grease.

Got roses? Wait until after the spring flush of blooms on climbing roses to do any extensive pruning.



SAWS Cautions Residents: Be Aware of Impostors

Personnel Always Wear Badge, Drive Marked Vehicles

Once again, impostors are hitting the streets. SAWS urges residents to be on guard against individuals who may pose as SAWS employees just to gain access to your home.

When SAWS employees call on customers in the field, there are clear procedures they follow:

- All SAWS employees wear an ID badge with the employee's photo and SAWS logo on it.
- Most SAWS vehicles are white with a SAWS logo on the doors.
- SAWS personnel never request access to your home — unless you've specifically requested a SAWS employee to come out. Water testing can be conducted at an outdoor faucet, if necessary.

If the person at your door claims to be a SAWS employee and you have any doubt at all about their identity, you are urged to call 704-SAWS (704-7297) for verification. Of course, if you feel you're in immediate danger, always call 911.

Bring On the Butterflies! Landscape with These Beauties in Mind

Don't just watch them flutter by, invite them to stay awhile.

Incorporate plants that bloom throughout the season and feature a variety of flower shapes, sizes and colors in your garden.

Like reptiles, butterflies are cold-blooded and need the sun or other external source of heat to warm their bodies before they fly. Place a few flat rocks in the sun.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SAWS Garden Jazz Party

May 3
San Antonio Botanical Garden
www.saws.org

Annual Birdathon

May 9
Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
www.tx.audubon.org

Festival of Flowers

May 23
Alzafar Shrine
www.gardeningvolunteers.org

Starry, Starry Night

May 30
Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
www.tx.audubon.org

Presented by San Antonio Water System

12th Annual Festival of Flowers

Saturday, May 23
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Alzafar Shrine

901 N. Loop 1604 West
Between U.S. 281 and Blanco Road
Admission \$5 Adults
Children Under 10 Free
Free Parking

\$1 off
One Regular Adult Admission



www.safestivalofflowers.com

Walk & Roll 2009

Annual Event Promotes Bicycling, Walking

Make plans now to leave your car in the garage May 1. Instead, walk or ride your bike to the Walk & Roll to Work Rally at 8 a.m. at Main Plaza.

Sponsored by the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the annual event challenges residents to carpool, bus, bike or walk to their destinations.

For information on other Walk & Roll events, visit www.walkandrollsa.com.



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