

Refreshing Ideas Awards



Recognizing sustainable leadership in water conservation and environmental protection

Entry Application: Commercial Water Conservation

By making every drop count, San Antonio leads the nation in water conservation. Because of that commitment, together, we are building a strong, earth-friendly economy, helping to make San Antonio water's most resourceful city.

To recognize businesses and industry that share a social responsibility to save water and prevent pollution of our water sources, San Antonio Water System is seeking nominations to honor commercial water savers that excel in water quality protection at the Refreshing Ideas Awards, scheduled for Oct. 18, 2011.

Some examples of the types of projects that may be considered for recognition include:

- Noteworthy water conservation measures that result in quantifiable water use reductions
- Permanent structural changes such as facility upgrades, toilet retrofits and landscape conversions
- Changes in operational/behavioral practices, such as regular monitoring of water consumption and inspections of water fixtures and system
- Architectural, landscape, urban or engineering designs that emphasize water conservation and/or incorporate innovative water-saving methods
- Use of recycled, reclaimed or harvested water to replace potable water
- Educational initiatives and partnerships that assist citizens in understanding water conservation and water issues as they apply to San Antonio.

Award Requirements

- Applicant must be current with all billing from SAWS.
- Applicant must be current with SAWS Conservation Plan and/or Annual Checkup requirements.
- Best practice or education initiatives that cannot be measured for water use must have other metrics such as number of people reached with documentation data to back application numbers.
- Project must result in a significant reduction in water use from either previously used or expected without the water savings measure.
- All retrofits, projects, equipment upgrades, modifications, etc must have been installed by Sept. 21, 2011 to be considered. SAWS must be able to confirm water savings of equipment and materials prior to consideration.
- Application must include before and after results for water savings.
- Projects focused on outdoor conservation savings must have a track record of reduced usage during a summer season.
- To be considered, SAWS requires inspection of water-saving equipment and operations to ensure that all water quality measures and other regulatory concerns are in compliance.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21, 2011.

Please return completed application to:

SAWS Refreshing Ideas Awards
Conservation Department
San Antonio Water System
P.O. Box 2449
San Antonio, TX 78298-2449

Or e-mail application to: pweynand@saws.org

Applicant Information

Business Name:

Address:

ZIP Code:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Project Name & Location:

Person Responsible for Project:

Water Savings:

Project Cost:

Project Life:

Please describe the project and include photographs of your water-saving project. Documentation of water savings is essential to a successful application. A cost/benefit analysis of the project also is helpful but not required.

The following categories are not award categories. They are suggestions to help the judges compare your project to other similar projects. Winners may choose to recognize specific employees.

Projects that Affect Water Consumption Directly

- Small Business
- Large Business
- Government/Civic/Institutions (schools, hospitals, large office complexes)
- Architectural/engineering designs that have been implemented

Water Use Innovations, Advancements or New Technologies Developed or Promoted

- New Technologies
- Technology Advancements/Innovations (gray water, water recycling, rain harvesting)
- Other:

Education Initiatives that Advance Understanding of Water Conservation and Water Issues

- Non-profit
- Government
- Other