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WaterNews



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Rescue Your Landscape with WaterSaver Coupons

This spring, gardening is all about patience. Some plants survived the deep freeze and are recovering slowly. Others weren't so lucky. But there is a prime opportunity for you to embrace — and SAWS can help!

Go ahead and dare to dream up a sublime space for entertaining alfresco that also saves water. Then bring it to life with SAWS WaterSaver Landscape and Patioscape coupons!

If you have at least 200 square feet of lawn, you can use a WaterSaver Landscape or WaterSaver Patioscape coupon to replace it with gorgeous drought-tough plants or a permeable patio. Through Oct. 15, SAWS residential customers can apply for up to four \$100 WaterSaver coupons. That's a whopping \$400 in savings!

Awaken your landscape with radiant plants like butterfly iris, mistflower, hardy zenizo, mountain laurel and more. Once established, these water-efficient plants will not only look great year-round, but also help you conserve water and save money on your SAWS bill.

Each coupon is intended to cover only a portion of the cost of the plants or patio materials. Combine the coupons however you like to create an inviting outdoor living space.

For each coupon, you must remove at least 200 square feet of grass — it's the single most water-demanding element in a residential landscape. You must also cap any irrigation heads in the area where you install beds or patios. By doing so, you may also qualify for our residential irrigation design rebate.

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



Make Sure SAWS Has Your Contact Info

If February's winter storm taught us anything, it's that we need to be able to reach our customers in case of a water emergency, like low pressure or loss of service.

If you didn't hear from us during The Big Freeze, it's likely because we didn't have a current phone number or email address to contact you.

Thankfully, there's an easy fix for that.

Just log in at saws.org/myaccount and look for the "Manage Accounts" button in the upper right corner (or main menu on mobile). Select "Mobile Number" or "Email" to enter your updated information. That's it!



No Internet access? No problem. Give us a call at **210-704-SAWS** (7297) and we'll be happy to update your contact information for you.

Join the MySAWS Conversation:



The pandemic is not over — please continue to mask up.

For the latest coronavirus guidance for San Antonio and Bexar County, visit sanantonio.gov/covid19. You can also text “COSAGOV” to 55000 or call 311.

Gardening Begins With Soil

Did you know San Antonio is located at the crossroads of three different climate zones? That not only affects our weather — it also means we’re blessed with several different soil types.

From beach-worthy sand to limestone caliche to thick, gumbo-like clay, they can all be adapted for productive gardening use, all while reducing the need for fertilizers, pesticides and water.

Learn about our different soils, how to alter them and ways to maintain a stable environment for your landscape plants.

Presented by Bexar County Master Gardeners, May 8, 10-11 a.m. Register for this free online seminar at bexarmg.org/cer.



Customer Service and 24-hour Emergency
210-704-SAWS (7297)
saws.org/waternews

Get Paid To Kick Your Irrigation System to the Curb

Did you know your in-ground sprinkler system can use more water in one week than your entire family uses in a month?

In fact, SAWS customers with irrigation systems use 70 percent more water on average in the summer and 50 percent more annually than those without built-in sprinklers. Since most modern South Texas landscapes use native plants that require very little irrigation, a lot of that extra water goes to waste, driving up water bills with very little benefit to show for it.

SAWS can help you kick the irrigation



system habit once and for all — and earn a nice cash reward in the process. It all starts with a free irrigation consultation.

Whether you’re ready to make small changes, like capping a spray zone you no longer need, or you want to ditch the entire system, an irrigation consultation will determine how much of a rebate you can get.

To qualify for a SAWS irrigation rebate, you must be a SAWS water customer and complete an irrigation consultation before you begin any actual work on your system.

Call **210-704-SAVE (7283)** to schedule your free, no-contact irrigation consultation.

Weatherize Your Garden

Did the winter freeze decimate your landscape? Don't despair. This is the perfect opportunity to make your yard more drought and cold resistant with plants that can handle our sizzling summers and weather our winters.

Remember to use our WaterSaver Coupons to help pay for these bold, blooming plants. Learn more and apply online at GardenStyleSA.com/coupons.

Here are our top 10 terrific choices for drought- and winter-hardy perennials

- Turk’s Cap
- Esperanza
- Fall Aster
- Rock Rose
- Gregg Mistflower
- Inland Sea Oats
- Pink Skullcap
- Shrimp Plant
- Mealy Blue Sage
- Scarlet Sage

Bonus: **Mountain Laurel**

This evergreen native scoffs at all extreme weather and boasts awesomely aromatic blooms each spring.

Need More Time To Pay Your Bill?

Paying your utility bill doesn't have to be a struggle.

If you can't pay the full balance on your SAWS bill, set up a payment arrangement to keep your account in good standing and give you more time to pay.

Here's how:

1. Visit saws.org/arrangement.
2. Select the number of months you'd like to pay (3, 6 or 9 months). Your total account balance will be divided up into equal, affordable monthly payments.
3. Starting with your next bill, you will pay the total current charges on your bill plus the payment arrangement amount.

You can also sign up for payment arrangements by calling **210-704-SAWS (7297)**.

Still having trouble paying your bill, even with a payment arrangement? SAWS Uplift offers 14 different assistance programs with one simple application. Apply today at saws.org/uplift.

