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Spring Into Gardening Season With SAWS

The month of March officially launches gardening season in San Antonio — and SAWS is ready to help you get off to a great start with our virtual “Spring Into Gardening” webinar series, Saturday, March 12.

Whether you’re a newbie or have a glistening green thumb, these interactive online discussions will help you begin a gorgeous garden upgrade to a landscape with less thirsty lawn and more drought-hardy plants.

Starting at 10 a.m., there will be three 45-minute webinars with a break in between each.

Outdoor Transformation: Create Your Dream Landscape

You don’t have to be a gardening expert or wealthy to transform your bland landscape into one that’s colorful, attractive and water frugal. This how-to session will cover the basics of pulling off a complete makeover for your yard while making the most of SAWS rebates, rewards and WaterSaver coupons (available March 1).

Pest Control: What To Know Before You Act

It’s not fun when unwanted pests invade our homes and gardens. But some solutions you can buy come with scary warning labels. Join our expert bug-ologist for a chat about the most common pest problems and the safest, most effective options for managing them.

Common Landscaping Mistakes To Avoid

Our panel of gardening experts will share the most common landscaping mistakes homeowners

make — and how to steer clear of them. Plenty of “do this, not that” photos will help you see exactly how to set up your new landscape for long-term success.

Bonus: One of the webinars will feature the “big reveal” of an exciting new outdoor living rebate to deck out your backyard. You’ll have to join us to find out more...

Get all the details at GardenStyleSA.com/spring.

As always, WaterSaver Rewards members who participate will earn points to cash in for coupons they can redeem at local garden centers and nurseries. Not a member yet? Sign up at GardenStyleSA.com/rewards.



\$700 To Help Pay my Overdue SAWS Bill? Yes, Please!

Is \$700 worth five minutes of your time?

Thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act, SAWS customers can receive up to \$700 in federal COVID-19 funds to help pay off their past-due SAWS bill.

No proof of income is required, and the application takes less than five minutes.

To receive this assistance, you must:

- Be a SAWS residential customer.
- Live inside San Antonio city limits.

- Be affected by a financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- Have an unpaid balance on charges between April 1, 2020 and Sept. 30, 2021.

If you choose to provide proof of income, you could qualify for even more than \$700 through other need-based assistance programs.

Apply online at saws.org/covid19 or call **210-704-SAWS (7297)**.



Find out how to make your garden irresistible to our flora fertilizing friends during the **Promoting Pollinators workshop, March 26 at San Antonio Botanical Garden!** Learn to make your own wildflower seed bombs, too. Get tickets at sabot.org.

Event Calendar

Little Sprouts Hike

March 1

San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston Place

sabot.org

Earthwise Living Day

March 5

Leon Valley Community Center
6427 Evers Road

leonvalleytexas.gov

St. Patrick's Day Festival & River Parade

March 18-19

River Walk
849 E. Commerce St.

thesanantonioriverwalk.com/events

Guided Bird Tour

March 20

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
10750 Pleasanton Road

mitchelllake.audubon.org

Sunset Flow with Alamo City Yoga

March 28

San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston Place

sabot.org

Customer Service and 24-hour Emergency

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

Whack Weeds the Old-Fashioned Way

If you're thinking about running to the garden center for something to rid your yard of recently thriving weeds, don't. "Weed and feed" products will not help your situation now. In fact, the fertilizer will only bolster the weeds and likely make your situation worse.

The solution: good, old-fashioned elbow grease.

Pulling out individual weeds like thistle is very effective, especially when soils are



moist after a rain. Wear thick garden gloves for protection and pull gently from the base of the weed.

If you see what looks like clover in the grass or bedding areas, try chopping off the top with a weed eater or hoe. Then apply a fresh layer of mulch on top to discourage regrowth.

In areas where your turf did not have a chance to recover from drought before the cold weather crept in, mow the weeds regularly to keep them from going to seed.



A-Tunneling We Will Go

In the wee morning hours of Dec. 16, a giant boring machine completed a 12-foot tunnel spanning about three miles along Military Drive from Old Pearsall Road to U.S. Highway 90. It's the longest tunnel segment of SAWS' massive sewer replacement project near Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Only half a mile of tunneling — more than 100 feet underground to avoid disrupting traffic and military activity — remains on the project, which is expected to be completed in 2023.

The City of San Antonio Is Here To Help: Understanding Your Flood Risk

Do you know if the area you live in is prone to flooding? The City of San Antonio Public Works Department can help you determine if your area is at risk.

Using the Federal Emergency Management Agency's flood insurance rate maps, Public Works can show you basic flood information including flood zones and other flood information such as local drainage, depths of flooding, special flood-related hazards in different parts of the city and historical flood data. They can also share with you the areas of town that provide natural floodplain ecosystem functions and do not impede the flow of water.

If flood water affects your property, Public Works can investigate the problem and give property protection advice or send someone to investigate the problem on your property and offer possible solutions.

Contact the Public Works Department at 210-207-8022 for more information.

La Ciudad de San Antonio está aquí para ayudar: Entiende tu riesgo de inundación

¿Sabes si el área en la que vives es propensa a inundaciones? El departamento de Obras Públicas de la Ciudad de San Antonio puede ayudarte a determinar si tu área está en riesgo.

Utilizando los mapas de inundaciones de la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA), el departamento de Obras Públicas puede mostrarte la información básica sobre inundaciones, incluyendo zonas de inundaciones y otra información de inundaciones, como drenaje local, profundidades de inundaciones, peligros especiales relacionados con inundaciones en diferentes partes de la ciudad y datos históricos de inundaciones. También pueden compartir con usted las áreas de la ciudad que proporcionan funciones de ecosistemas de llanuras de inundación naturales y no impiden el flujo de agua.

Si tu propiedad es impactada por la lluvia, el departamento de Obras Públicas puede investigar el problema y brindarte consejos y ofrecer soluciones sobre como proteger tu propiedad.

Comuníquese con el departamento de Obras Públicas llamando al 210-207-8022 para obtener más información.