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Protect Your Home from Pipe Breaks and Get a \$100 SAWS Rebate

Anyone who has ever experienced a frozen pipe in their home knows what a nightmare it can be. Flashback to February 2021 when the extreme winter weather left many of our neighbors, family and friends without reliable running water due to freeze-damaged pipes.

Then, some San Antonians also found themselves knee-deep in water — inside their homes — after frozen pipes thawed and burst. Had they been able to shut off their water sooner, the outcome might have been much different.

That's where our new shut-off valve rebate can help. Beginning March 16, SAWS is offering a \$100 rebate toward the cost of this important home upgrade that could save money and frustration in the future.

Speed matters if a pipe breaks or a leak develops. Every minute of delay means more destruction to walls, flooring, furniture and possessions. Sadly, many homes don't have a fast, easy way to shut off the water.

To qualify for the \$100 rebate customers must:

- Hire a licensed plumber to install a ball valve. Gate valves are not eligible.
- Have the valve installed close to the meter where it will shut off water to the entire property.

- Make sure installation is done after March 16, 2022.
- Complete the shut-off valve rebate application at GardenStyleSA.com/valve.
- Submit the application with a photo of the new shut-off valve and a copy of the receipt. (Ask the plumber to note the type of service line pipe on your receipt).

Once all rebate requirements are met, a \$100 credit will be applied to the customer's water bill. The offer is limited to the first 2,000 qualified customers.

Please note that replacing existing shutoff valves does not qualify for this rebate.

Full program details will be available March 16 at GardenStyleSA.com/valve.



SAWS bill past due?

Get up to \$700 in federal COVID-19 payment assistance!

- Takes less than five minutes to apply.
- No proof of income needed.
- For SAWS residential customers only.
- Must live inside San Antonio city limits.

Sign up today!

Scan the code to apply online at saws.org/covid19 or call 210-704-SAWS (7297)



Join the MySAWS Conversation:





Drop in for a fable and fun during **Story Time: Make & Take at Mitchell Lake**, Saturday April 23!
 Enjoy a nature story or two in the peaceful outdoors. Registration not required.
 Details at mitchelllake.audubon.org.

Event Calendar

Family Night Hike

April 1

San Antonio Botanical Garden
 555 Funston Place

sabot.org

Second Saturday Habitat Work Day

April 9

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
 10750 Pleasanton Road

mitchelllake.audubon.org

Morning Flow with Alamo City Yoga

Saturdays March 26-April 30

San Antonio Botanical Garden
 555 Funston Place

sabot.org

Starving Artist Art Show

April 23-24

La Villita Historic Arts Village
 418 Villita St.

210-226-3593

The Great Texas Air Show 2022

April 23-24

JBSA Randolph Air Force Base
 1 Harmon Drive

www.jbsa.mil/GreatTexasAirshow



Customer Service and 24-hour Emergency

210-704-SAWS (7297)

saws.org/waternews

Welcome Back, WaterSaver Landscape Coupons

The spring season is always a welcome relief, especially after a long, dry winter. If you find yourself inspired to make changes to your landscape, there's no better way to liven up your yard than with SAWS WaterSaver Landscape Coupons!

Through Oct. 15, SAWS residential customers can apply for up to four \$100 coupons to replace part of their water-guzzling grass with lush, drought-tolerant garden beds. That's a whopping \$400 in savings!

Make your landscape dreams a reality with



radiant plants like salvia, mistflower, cenizo and this region's stalwart, mountain laurel.

Once established these water-efficient plants will not only look great year-round, but also help you conserve water and save money on your water bill.

And new this year is an outdoor living rebate. Not only can you use it to create a new patio, but permeable

decks and other hardscape projects will also be eligible! Details on this exciting new program will be available after March 12.

Get all the details and apply today at GardenStyleSA.com/coupons.

Hold Off on Lawn Watering for Now

Get your spring lawn off to a healthy start — let the hoses and sprinklers collect a few more cobwebs.

Even though things are starting to green up, most turf grasses don't hit their growing season stride until April. If you start watering too early, the weeds will get a big boost but your lawn won't benefit much at all. With a few good spring showers, you might even push back watering until Tax Day, April 18.



That's good news for your grass and your pocketbook. Since SAWS water rates are tiered, the more you use the more it costs per gallon. That could cause a big jump in your bill if you water too much or too early. So keep that in mind when you set your sprinkler system.

For more ways to reduce outdoor water costs and still have the prettiest yard on the block, visit GardenStyleSA.com.

It's Time To Prune Your Perennials

Much like overgrown hair in need of a haircut, perennials need a good spring cleaning in the way of pruning. When done correctly, pruning increases foliage, flowers and pollinators.

Salvia and lantana should be cut to 3 inches above the ground, while esperanza and Pride of Barbados can be left to 6 inches above the ground.



Ornamental grasses like Lindheimer muhly and eastern gamagrass prefer just a trim.

Exceptions to the spring pruning rule include spring-blooming shrubs and trees such as Texas mountain laurel, Mexican plum, redbud and ornamental pear.

Wait until after the bloom to prune — generally in late April or May.