

Take a deep breath — then 'Spring Bloom' into action March 14

Ready to breathe new life into your landscape? We are too! Join us — along with lots of local gardening experts — at SAWS Spring Bloom, Saturday, March 14 at SAWS HQ!

This free, family friendly event is your annual reminder that spring gardening season has officially arrived in San Antonio!

Tempted to start a new landscape project? SAWS has lots of incentives to help you transform your yard for savings. Our WaterSaver Landscape Coupons provide a \$125 discount on plants for new beds when you remove a 200-square-foot section of lawn (and irrigation).

Dreaming of a new deck or patio? First, find out how you can save with our Outdoor Living Rebate.



The first 1,000 adult guests can get a free drought-hardy plant for their yard. Then shop through the native and low-water-use ornamental plants available for sale from our partner organizations.

Tap into the expertise of community and horticultural organizations along with SAWS staff who can share tips on conservation

programs, landscaping and the new ConnectH2O electronic water meters.

The brand new, freshly updated SAWS Landscape Care Guide will also make its debut at the event. With lessons learned from the ongoing

drought and recent freezes, it's the perfect guide to contemporary gardening in the Alamo City area — and filled with tips for a landscape makeover.

Start fresh this spring with new ideas for reviving your yard! Get details at saws.org/SpringBloom.

Help your landscape fend off a freeze

It may be February, but we're not out of the woods yet when it comes to freezing temperatures.

Healthy, well-adapted plants in the ground with well-developed root systems stand a great chance of recovering after a frost — if they're properly protected.

Soft, woody plants, active bloomers and potted plants tend to be most vulnerable.

- Relocate potted plants to a protected/sheltered space.



- Drape in-ground plants and shrubs with any fabric covering — bed sheets, blankets, burlap or newspaper — to allow moisture to escape and keep cold air out.

- Cover smaller, low-to-the-ground plants with newspaper or small "volcanoes" of mulch or leaves.

Avoid using plastic as a covering. It doesn't insulate or breathe well and can trap moisture, compounding the freezing problem.

Remember to remove coverings promptly after the freeze has passed.

Learn to create a garden that benefits plants, wildlife and the local ecosystem during **Rainscaping and Rain Gardens** at San Antonio Botanical Garden, Saturday, March 14. Tickets at sabot.org/events.

Event Calendar

Earthwise Living Day

March 7

Leon Valley Community Center
6427 Evers Road
leonvalleytexas.gov

Free admission to the McNay

March 12

McNay Art Museum
6000 N. New Braunfels Ave.
mcnayart.org/events

Warbler Walk

March 21

Government Canyon State
Natural Area
12861 Galm Road
tpwd.texas.gov/calendar

Guided Bird Tour

March 22

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
10750 Pleasanton Road
mitchelllake.audubon.org/events

Meditation in the Garden

March 28

San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston Place
sabot.org/events

Customer Service and 24-hour Emergency

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

Fix a Leak Week is March 16-22

Fix a Leak Week doesn't officially roll around until March, but the time is always right to fix leaks!

You may be walking past a hidden leak every day and not realize it. Most fixes are simple, like swapping out a toilet flapper, or adjusting a sprinkler head that's spraying the sidewalk instead of your yard. These small repairs help your home run more efficiently, keep your landscape healthier, and most importantly save water.



Consider these culprits:

- **Leaking toilets**
- **Sprinkler systems** (that are not turned off)
- **Water softener tanks** recharging daily

Listen for hissing or dripping as you move about your house and yard. Never ignore those sounds as they can alert you to a leak. Visit saws.org/leak for help solving a high-water-use mystery.

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Fix a Leak Week

Carrying forward a legacy of peace and unity



SAWS employees and their families joined tens of thousands of their fellow San Antonians to march for the dream at the 2026 Martin Luther King Day March, Monday, Jan. 19. It was a chilly morning, but the warmth of unity illuminated the spirit of justice and hope that Dr. King envisioned. San Antonio's annual MLK Day proceedings are among the largest in the U.S.

Calling citizen scientists: Nature challenge this spring

It can be challenging to identify flora and fauna when exploring the natural world. Fortunately, there's an app for that! And there's a workshop to help you use that app to improve your observation skills.

San Antonio residents and visitors are encouraged to indulge their inner scientist during the iNaturalist workshop Saturday, March 21 at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place.

You'll learn expert tips and tricks from a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist and

naturalist, all in preparation for the City Nature Challenge, April 24-27.



The challenge, which started in 2016 and became an international event in 2018, encourages people to document nature to better understand urban biodiversity. Cities across the globe compete to see who can log the most observations, find the most species and have the most participants. You can help San Antonio rank among the top cities!

For more information, visit cnc-sa.org.