



Hot Times in the City What you need to know about drought rules

Extreme heat and dry conditions have arrived early this year, and so have drought watering rules. Stage 1 and Stage 2 restrictions will likely dominate the summer, but you can stay ahead of them.

Not sure what the current drought stage is? Visit saws.org/drought.



Stage 2 Watering Rules

Aquifer Trigger Level 650 feet

Here are some highlights of San Antonio's watering rules:

Stage 2 (10-day avg. aquifer trigger level: 650 ft)

- Landscape watering with a sprinkler, irrigation system or soaker hose is allowed only from 7-11 a.m. and 7-11 p.m., one day a week, based on the last digit of your address.
- **Watering with a hand-held hose** is allowed any day, any time.



Watering day determined by last digit of address:



Stage 1 (10-day avg. aquifer trigger level: 660 ft)

- Outdoor watering with a sprinkler, irrigation system or soaker hose is allowed only **before 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m., one day per week.**
- Water waste, such as water running down the street, and weekend watering with a sprinkler, irrigation system or soaker hose is prohibited in all drought stages.

SAWS President/CEO Robert R. Puente pointed out that the watering restrictions are not suggestions — they are municipal laws that will be enforced.

“Now that we have been in restrictions for several weeks, citizens should be used to drought rules once again,” Puente said. “Contracted police officers are patrolling and they can issue a citation if they witness a violation.”

Your 2018 Water Quality Report

From source water to the consumer's tap, SAWS is committed to preserving the drinking water quality of our community. Public water systems like SAWS are required by law to report every year on the type and quantity of substances in their water.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality conducts water quality tests and provides the results for the report.

View your 2018 Water Quality Report online at saws.org/waterqualityreport.

Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar 210-233-3546.





Fancy our feathered friends? Grab your binoculars for a guided bird tour Sunday, July 29, from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at Mitchell Lake Audubon Center, 10750 Pleasanton Road. Best for birders over the age of 15. Details at mitchelllake.audubon.org/events.

Event Calendar

Fourth of July Fireworks in the Garden

July 4
San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston Place
sabot.org/events

Balcones Heights Jazz Festival

July 6, 13, 20, 27
Wonderland of the Americas
4522 Fredericksburg Road
reachfortheheights.org/jazz-festival

Gardens and Yoga

July 21
San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston Place
sabot.org/events

Summer Artisan Show

July 27-29
River Walk Extension
(near Convention Center)
thesanantonioriverwalk.com

Beginner Bird Walk

July 28
Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
10750 Pleasanton Road
mitchelllake.audubon.org

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

Climb Aboard the Waterful History Tour

From Spanish colonial acequias to gushing artesian wells, San Antonio has a unique and colorful water history. Fortunately, remnants of our city's early water supply systems can still be found — if you know where to look.

Join SAWS for an exclusive, up-close-and-personal look at the Alamo City's wet and wild heritage during the Waterful History Tour.

June 23 or Aug. 17
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.



The tour will take you to noteworthy water features in Brackenridge Park, Mission Espada dam and aqueduct and the historic Market Street Pump Station, where you'll see "Water Through Time," an art tile mural that illustrates how water in San Antonio connects people across cultures and across three centuries.

Transportation from SAWS Headquarters and lunch will be provided. Space is limited, so sign up today at saws.org/tour.

Get Paid To Kick Your Sprinklers to the Curb

Did you know your irrigation 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. Ironically, most modern South Texas landscapes use native plants that require very little irrigation. So a lot of that extra water goes to waste.

So what's a homeowner to do? 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 or you want to ditch the entire system, an irrigation consultation will determine how much of a rebate you can get.

Remember: An irrigation consultation is required BEFORE you begin any actual work on your system.

Call 210-704-SAVE (7283) to request your free irrigation consultation.

For the Fourth, Forego the Fireworks

Nothing says Independence Day quite like a cookout, apple pie and fireworks. But this July 4, better leave the rockets' red glare to the pros.

We don't mean to be party poopers, but popping or possessing fireworks inside San Antonio city limits is against the law, with fines up to \$2,000. Fire inspectors and police will be out in force on the Fourth. To report violators, call the Fireworks Hotline at 210-207-0202.

Still sparked-up to see some skyrockets in flight? Head to the Botanical Garden or the city's official July Fourth celebration at Woodlawn Lake for a big bang!

