

waterNEWS

Your source for all things water



Water on Your Day

Between triple-digit heat and scant rainfall, the dog days of summer have arrived with a vengeance — along with landscape watering restrictions for the first time since 2018.

That means watering your lawn with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only **one day a week** on your designated watering day, determined by the last number of your street address.

Watering hours on your day are also limited:

- STAGE 1 - before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- STAGE 2 - 7-11 a.m. or 7-11 p.m.

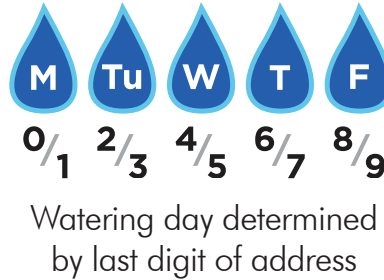
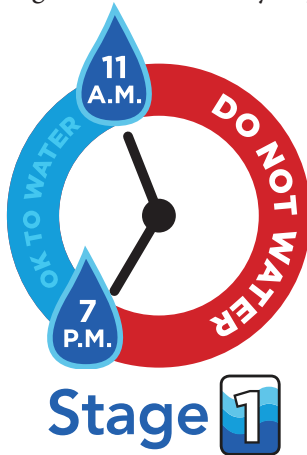
Watering days begin and end at midnight, so no overnight watering is allowed. But you can hand-water with a hose-end nozzle, drip irrigation or bucket any day and time.

To find out the current stage, tune in to your favorite local TV weather forecast or visit saws.org/WhenToWater.

Did you know that one deep, weekly watering is actually better for your lawn than watering less over multiple days? So you can keep your landscape healthy *and* save on your water bill.

Here's a tip: Set your irrigation controller to Stage 2 watering times now. By watering during mostly daylight hours, you can keep an eye out for broken sprinkler heads before they cause a big jump in your water bill.

Visit GardenStyleSA.com for weekly watering amounts and landscaping tips to keep your yard looking great using less water.



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New Pipeline Primed and Pumping

In a little more than two years, SAWS' ambitious Central Water Integration Pipeline project went from drawing board to drinking water delivery.

The valves were opened July 3, marking completion of the conduit that connects SAWS' new Vista Ridge water supply to central San Antonio. The effort included four

miles of new water mains, two miles of tunnels and major upgrades at two pump stations.

With completion of the pipeline, the recently opened Agua Vista Station is expected to ramp up to full capacity, delivering more than 48 million gallons per day of Vista Ridge water by September.

New 5 million gallon storage tank on West Avenue near Bitters Road.



Join the MySAWS Conversation:



Don't risk the 'rona — wear a mask in public.

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.

Make Your Summer 'Scape Sizzle

Perk up your landscape with heat-hardy plants — and use the WaterSaver Coupons to do it!

Through Oct. 15, SAWS residential customers can get up to four \$100 coupons to help replace part of your thirsty lawn with colorful, drought-hardy plants and permeable patio pavers. That's \$400 in savings! Apply today at GardenStyleSA.com/coupons.

Landscape and Patioscape Coupons must be redeemed by Nov. 15. Successful projects get a bonus \$30 mulch coupon.



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

Get a Flow Sensor for Nearly Nothing!

Wouldn't it be great if you could get a smart device that monitors your water use 24/7? To help keep your bills low and detect costly leaks?

You can — with a flow sensor. And there's a rebate for that!

Flow sensors use the power of your smartphone to let you know in real time when your water meter is running, so you know how much water you are using and when.

Qualified customers who purchase a SAWS-approved flow sensor device are eligible for a \$150 rebate



through the Water Flow Sensor Rebate program. Bonus: after the rebate, one of the devices ends up only costing you tax and shipping!

You'll need Wi-Fi and a smart phone to use these products. After the device is purchased and installed, you can apply for the SAWS rebate which will be applied as a credit to your SAWS bill.

To see all rebate-eligible devices and get started on your water-saving journey,

visit GardenStyleSA.com/sensor.

Schedule Your No-Contact Irrigation Consultation

An in-ground sprinkler system can use 3,000 gallons or more each time it runs. And if it isn't properly programmed or maintained, it can use even more. Make sure yours is in tip-top shape with a no-contact house call from SAWS!

If you have in-ground irrigation, one of our experts will come to your home to do a complete system checkup and review your landscape while you remain safely inside.

When they're done, they'll call you to review the results and answer any questions, as well as flag any problem areas and leave a summary report and rebate offer. Of course, they'll also wipe down and disinfect your irrigation controller before they leave.

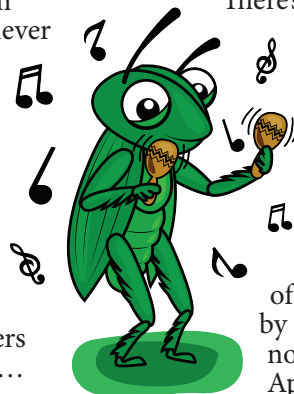
If you prefer a phone consultation without the on-site visit, we can do that, too! Schedule your free WaterSaver Irrigation Consultation today at 210-704-SAVE.



Now Playing: Nature's Orchestra

Human concerts may be on pause, but nature's music never stops. And that makes for the perfect and safe summer stay-cation — no physical distancing required!

Grab a folding chair and your favorite beverage and step out into your backyard to take a listen to the curious chorus of critters happening all around you ...



There's the ubiquitous rhythmic buzz of the cicadas (or chicharras), accompanied by the twitters of grasshoppers and male field crickets, whose chirps pick up the pace the hotter it gets.

If you live near a creek or pond, you may hear the trill of male tree frogs calling from nearby trees and bushes.

But perhaps the most wonderful song of summer nights is a sweet serenade by the Chuck-will's-widow. This large, nocturnal bird arrives in our area in early April and stays until mid-September.