

## Make Sure Your Landscape Can Take the Heat

Late April showers brought much relief to many parched landscapes in and around San Antonio. But the hot and dry weather conditions (thanks, La Niña) are expected to dominate this summer.

Stage 2 watering rules remain in effect. That means watering with a sprinkler, irrigation system or soaker hose is allowed only between 7-11 a.m. and 7-11 p.m. on your designated day. Your weekly watering day is determined by the last number of your street address:

- 0 or 1 – Monday
- 2 or 3 – Tuesday
- 4 or 5 – Wednesday
- 6 or 7 – Thursday
- 8 or 9 – Friday

You can still hand-water with a hose-end nozzle any time you want.

With the summer scorch on the way, now is a good time to make sure your home and garden are ready:

- **Dress for success** — Add a layer of mulch to landscape beds to help hold moisture in.
- **Put a nozzle on it** — Make sure your hose is in good repair and outfitted with a spray head to make hand watering a snap.
- **Look out for leaks** — A dripping faucet, running toilet or faulty water softener can drain water straight into the sewer without a trace. Consider our flow sensor rebate and get leak alerts in real time.

If you have an irrigation system, make sure it's set to run only once a week during Stage 2 watering times. For the biggest savings, turn off the timer and run it manually. Remember, watering even once a week can double (and sometimes triple) your water bill.

Need help with your sprinkler settings? Schedule a free irrigation consultation now while there's no waiting list. By doing so, you may qualify for extra rebates.

Plus, if you want to apply for the WaterSaver Landscape coupons to drought-proof your landscape you can use both incentives together. That's right, you can double-dip!

What are you waiting for? Learn more and apply online now at [GardenStyleSA.com/coupons!](https://GardenStyleSA.com/coupons!)



## Share Your Deep Thoughts About Water

### SAWS wants your input to update the city's 50-year Water Management Plan.

The plan is revised every five years or so to ensure the community has sustainable and affordable water supplies for generations to come.

Remember to visit [WaterCitySA.com](https://WaterCitySA.com) to take a quick survey and let us know which water-related topics are most important to you.

There you'll also find a calendar of meetings you can join online or in-person, as well as more information about the planning process.



Come play in the mud and the muck during **Celebrate Soil & Mud** at San Antonio Botanical Garden, Saturday, June 25. Fee included with garden admission and membership. Details at [sabot.org](http://sabot.org).

# Event Calendar

## Surviving the Summer Heat

June 8

San Antonio Botanical Garden  
555 Funston Place  
[sabot.org](http://sabot.org)

## Second Saturday Habitat Work Day

June 11

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center  
10750 Pleasanton Road  
[mitchelllake.audubon.org](http://mitchelllake.audubon.org)

## Belly Dancing

June 15

Tobin Center  
100 Auditorium Circle  
[tobincenter.org/wellness](http://tobincenter.org/wellness)

## Beginner Bird Walk

June 25

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center  
10750 Pleasanton Road  
[mitchelllake.audubon.org](http://mitchelllake.audubon.org)

## Bud Light Stars, Stripes & Lights

June 30-July 4

Downtown River Walk  
300 River Walk  
[thesanantonioriverwalk.com](http://thesanantonioriverwalk.com)

Customer Service and  
24-hour Emergency

210-704-SAWS (7297)  
[saws.org/waternews](http://saws.org/waternews)

## Satisfy Your Wildflower Wanderlust

While a dry winter may not produce the profusion of color seen in a wet year, don't let it diminish your fun of seeking out photo-worthy fields of flowers.

Early spring wildflowers like bluebonnets may have faded by now, but others are still around or just getting started thanks to late April showers.

Look out for pink evening primrose, white prickly poppy, coreopsis, and even Indian paintbrush. Also popping up this month in Central Texas are antelope horns, Indian blanket, Mexican

hat and rock rose.

Major highways leading out of San Antonio are great options for wandering through the wildflowers. Or you can go straight to the source and head to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center on the southwest edge of Austin. You just may spy several roadside wildflowers en route!

National Wildflower Week is the first week of May — but let's celebrate all month long!

Follow @MySAWS on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and tag us to share your #wildflowerwanderlust pics!



## Get Rewarded for Your Water-Saving Ways

It's time to get back out in the great outdoors and enjoy life with others. The **GardenStyleSA.com** events calendar can help you do just that!

The calendar is quickly filling up with lots of opportunities to learn and earn. Every time you participate in a SAWS-approved conservation event or program you can earn points and cash them in for coupons to help you jump start that landscape project.

There's plenty of "green" family fun to have, including nature walks, plant sales, gardening workshops and much more. See for yourself on the **GardenStyleSA.com** home page.

The calendar is updated regularly as new events come to our attention. Be sure to check it weekly to find out what's happening in your neck of the woods. And while you're there, sign up for our weekly GardenStyleSA emails.

## Got Shade? Give Up the Grass.

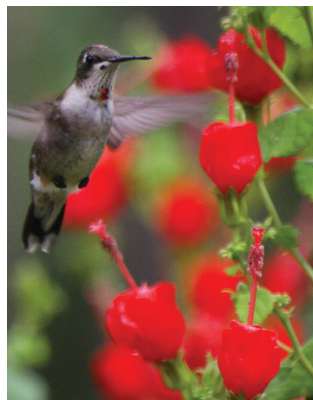
From shady spots up against your house to areas beneath massive tree canopies, constant shade is not a friend to grass.

Bermuda grass needs lots of sun, and deep shade may be too much for Zoysia grass.

Lucky for you, there are plenty of flowering plants and ornamental grasses that thrive in the shade — and they save water, too!

Here's 10 shade-loving, water-saving plants to replace your struggling grass

— and they're all eligible for the WaterSaver Landscape Coupon!



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| Asparagus fern | Giant blue sage |
| Bearded iris   | Inland sea oats |
| Cedar sage     | Scarlet sage    |
| Foxtail fern   | Shrimp plant    |
| Frogfruit      | Turk's cap      |

For details on these plants (and many more) and to apply for up to \$400 in landscape savings, visit [GardenStyleSA.com/coupons](http://GardenStyleSA.com/coupons).