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U.S. Drought Doesn't Mean Water Shortage for S.A. — But Why?

The dry La Niña weather pattern that's been in place since 2020 shows no signs of letting up. The result: deep drought across the western U.S.

But even in drought, San Antonio is not in water crisis.

Why? San Antonio leaders — in partnership with SAWS — have created a culture of stewardship and conservation that has made our community water secure. Thanks to multiple water supplies, proven conservation programs and common-sense regulations, San Antonio's water management is recognized worldwide as an example others can follow.

From Endangered Species to Water Security

In 1993, locals were stunned when a federal judge directed the Texas Legislature to limit pumping from the Edwards Aquifer to protect endangered salamanders. This prompted leaders, including then-Texas Rep. Robert R. Puente, to explore radically new ways to manage the region's water.

The result was creation of the Edwards Aquifer

Authority to regulate pumping. This, in turn, kickstarted development of new water sources for our growing community.

How San Antonio Manages Water Today

In 2005 and again in 2014, San Antonio adopted important conservation ordinances, including reasonable lawn watering rules, that would help cut per-person water use in half.

Now, with 15 water projects coming from nine different sources, San Antonio has averted the water crisis many cities are facing. Today, the Edwards Aquifer makes up only about half of our water supply. Plus, our community has proven it's possible to conserve without overly harsh regulations or desert-like landscaping.

Ready for the Future

Thirty years ago, no one knew South Central Texas would become one of the nation's fastest growing regions. But we are well-prepared for it — thanks to a philosophy of water management and conservation that was developed decades ago, and our ongoing commitment to water sustainability and affordable service.

Your 2022 Water Quality Report

SAWS is committed to preserving and protecting the drinking water quality of our community — from source water to the consumer's tap. 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.

To learn more about San Antonio's outstanding public water supply, view your 2022 Water Quality Report online at saws.org/waterqualityreport.

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





Beat the heat in No Name Creek during **Celebrate Water** at San Antonio Botanical Garden, Saturday, July 9. Find critters in the creek and learn about water-saving landscape designs! Entry fee included with garden admission and membership. Details at sabot.org.

Event Calendar

Armed Forces River Parade

July 2

Arneson River Theatre

418 Villita St.

thesanantonioriverwalk.com

The Sounds of Freedom Concert

July 4

Trinity Baptist Church

319 E. Mulberry Ave.

heartoftexasconcertband.org

Good Market: After Dark

July 9

Brick at Blue Star

106 Blue Star

ethicalnetworksa.org

Dance Happy Hour

July 20

Tobin Center

100 Auditorium Circle

tobincenter.org

Make & Take at Mitchell Lake

July 23

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center

10750 Pleasanton Road

mitchelllake.audubon.org

Morning Flow with Alamo City Yoga

July 30

San Antonio Botanical Garden

555 Funston Place

sabot.org

Customer Service and 24-hour Emergency

210-704-SAWS (7297)

saws.org/waternews

Keep Your Yard Happy and Bill Low With Hand Watering

It's tough to watch your lawn and plants wilt in the sizzling summer heat. But there's no need to panic. Your landscape will be just fine.

Those brown blades of Bermuda grass? That's a drought survival mechanism called "leaf firing" that helps the grass slow down and survive drier periods. Lawns can go without watering for 12 to 21 days depending on the species and soil conditions. And your established perennial plants and trees? They can go even longer, easily getting by without water for 45-60 days.



Also, we're still in Stage 2, which limits watering with a sprinkler, irrigation system or soaker hose to 7-11 a.m. and 7-11 p.m. on your designated day, as determined by the last number of your street address.

But that's OK because hand watering is the way to go. You can do it any time and your water bill will be lower for it.

So, do yourself and your landscape a favor and make the most of hand watering. And remember to visit GardenStyleSA.com for weekly watering advice and landscaping tips to reduce outdoor water use — all while still keeping your yard thriving.

#SAWSsummer Celebrations Return To Keep You Cool

If spring was any indication, it could be a blistering summer for San Antonio. But have no fear, the #SAWSsummer crew is back to keep you cool with free treats — paletas, snow cones and aguas frescas — at several hot spots around the city.

Join us for the fun and pick up some sweet SAWS swag, including tank tops, limited-edition #SAWSsummer reusable water bottles, trucker caps, shades and drawstring backpacks to tote around to

every beach party or backyard BBQ.

The #SAWSsummer celebration kicks off June 21! Follow @MySAWS on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to find out where our outreach team will pop up and how you can be a part of the sizzling celebrations.

Bonus: keep an eye on our social media channels for chances to win a #SAWSsummer fun pack before the flip-flop fun officially begins!

Federal Internet Service Assistance Now Available

Your household may be eligible to receive \$30 per month for internet or cell service and \$100 towards a laptop, desktop computer or tablet through the new Affordable Connectivity Program.

The government program helps ensure households can afford the broadband internet service they need for work, school, healthcare and more.

If you or someone you live with receives federal benefits like SNAP, Medicaid, Free & Reduced Lunch, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits, SSI, WIC, Lifeline or Pell Grant, you could qualify for financial assistance.

Learn more and apply online at affordableconnectivity.gov or scan the code. You can also call 877-384-2575.

