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## Festival of Flowers flourishes again

Another event is rising from the pandemic ashes after a three-year hiatus. This time it's the Festival of Flowers — and it's bursting back onto the gardening scene Saturday, June 3!

The daylong event, now in its 23rd year, features seminars with gardening experts and an indoor mall blooming with plants and landscaping materials.

Make your first stop the SAWS Conservation Station where you'll get a free xeriscape plant (while supplies last, of course). Next, pop in to one of the how-to gardening seminars and the Organic Roundtable for tons of tips and tricks for landscaping success.

Also making a comeback is the Herb Cooking Kitchen for delicious fare and the "learn to garden" kid zone where the little ones can get their green thumbs growing.

And don't forget to bring plants from your garden to swap at the famously fun plant exchange!

### Festival of Flowers



**Saturday, June 3**  
**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Shrine Auditorium  
901 N. Loop 1604 West  
(exit Stone Oak Parkway)

Adult admission: \$8  
10 & younger: Free  
Free parking

### Beware of scammers

Scams are constantly evolving. Swindlers may pretend to represent public utilities and they may even mention legitimate programs or policies. No matter the ploy, their goals are the same: to steal your money, your identity or both.

SAWS will never contact you to request your account number, banking account or credit card information.

If something doesn't seem right, hang up or walk away. Scammers often want you to make a quick decision without thinking about it.

When will you hear from us? SAWS will contact you:

- To alert you of an upcoming high bill.
- If you are at risk for service disconnection.
- When your water use is continuous for more than 72 consecutive hours (ConnectH2O customers with electronic meters only).

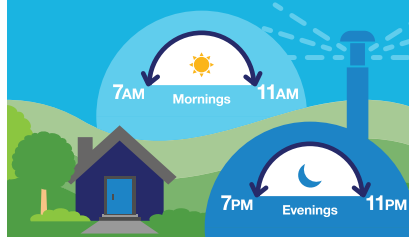
Of course, we're here to help! To report any suspicious interactions, call us at 210-704-SAWS (7297).

### STAGE 2 WATER WISELY

Landscape watering allowed once a week on your day.



#### CHECK THE TIME



#### KNOW YOUR DAY

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0	2	4	6	8
1	3	5	7	9

last digit of address

#### HAND WATER ANY DAY OR TIME



**KNOW THE RULES**  
Don't get soaked by a water waste citation

[saws.org/WhenToWater](https://saws.org/WhenToWater)



Stage 2 | Know the Watering Rules



**Fond of fables?** Explore the darker side of fairytales and lore during a theatrical walking tour at San Antonio Botanical Garden, select Wednesday evenings through August. The experience integrates giant living sculptures from the Imaginary Worlds exhibit. Tickets at [sabot.org](http://sabot.org).

# Event Calendar

## Meditation in the Garden

**June 10**

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

## Drum Circle

**June 17**

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

## Beginner Bird Walk

**June 24**

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)

## Armed Forces River Parade

**July 2**

Arneson River Theatre  
418 Villita St.  
[thesanantonioriverwalk.com](http://thesanantonioriverwalk.com)

## Customer Service and 24-hour Emergency

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

## Landscaping tips for May

Given the ongoing drought this may surprise you, but May is historically one of our wetter months. That makes it the perfect time to tackle these tasks:

- **Make sure your irrigation system has a working rain sensor.** If the sensor is more than five years old, it's time to replace it.
- **Refresh the mulch in your garden beds.** Apply a generous layer so soil doesn't show through. This discourages weeds, helps retain



moisture and reduces the heat in your soil.

- **Mind your irrigation settings.** It's not summer yet. Consider shorter run times or watering every other week to save.

And remember: Stage 2 watering rules are still in effect and being enforced. Make sure your irrigation system is set to water only on your day during the 7-11 hours.

Visit [GardenStyleSA.com](http://GardenStyleSA.com) for weekly watering advice and landscaping tips to keep your yard thriving.

## It may be time to reapply for SAWS bill payment assistance

Reapply at [saws.org/myaccount](http://saws.org/myaccount). For in-person help with your application, visit one of these locations:

City Council District 1	1310 Vance Jackson Road	May 24 & June 28	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
City Council District 9	Walker Ranch Senior Center 835 W. Rhapsody Drive	May 25	10 a.m.-noon
City Council District 8	Igo Library 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy	May 26	3-5 p.m.
City Council District 2	Claude Black Center 2805 E. Commerce St.	May 31 & June 14, 28	1-4 p.m.
City Council District 6	5800 Enrique Barrera Pkwy	June 1, 15, 29	10 a.m.-noon
SAWS Headquarters Tower 2	2800 U.S. Hwy 281 N.	June 3	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
City Council District 5	Las Palmas YWCA 503 Castroville Road	June 5	4-6 p.m.
SAWS Las Palmas Customer Center	803 Castroville Road	June 6, 13	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
City Council District 3	3315 Sidney Brooks Drive	June 28	10 a.m.-noon

Remember to bring proof of income.

- Income tax return (2022).
- W-2 forms.
- Paycheck stub (last 30 days).
- 1099 form.
- Social Security award letter.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) award letter.
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) award letter.
- Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) award letter.
- Veterans benefits letter.
- Unemployment benefits letter.



## A bird's eye view of this bird city

Nearly two billion birds wing their way through Texas every spring, stopping in for food and rest along the way. With this delightful parade of feathered travelers, it's no wonder San Antonio is a certified Bird City Texas community.

The designation recognizes community efforts to ensure birds, wildlife and people thrive.

Make your landscape a welcome mat for migrating and resident birds, and other wildlife too.

- **Plant in layers.** Groundcovers, perennials, shrubs and trees provide shelter, nesting spots and food.

- **Invite caterpillars.** Native plants host more insects and caterpillars — food for birds and their babies.



- **Bump up your beds.** Use our WaterSaver Landscape Coupons to shrink your water-guzzling lawn in favor of garden beds. Apply at [GardenStyleSA.com/coupons](http://GardenStyleSA.com/coupons).

Finally, turn off non-essential outdoor lights from 11 p.m.-6 a.m. so night-migrating birds don't get disoriented.