

Wise Water Words

I hope this finds everyone doing well with your gardens in full bloom from all the rain we have had recently. I have personally appreciated both the rain and the extended spring temperatures, but I know the heat is just around the corner.

Earlier this year, I gave some information regarding some of the SAWS coupons and rebate programs, but we have still had many questions pertaining to the SAWS WaterSaver Rewards Program. So I thought I would go into a bit more depth about that for anyone who isn't familiar with all this program offers SAWS customers.

The SAWS WaterSaver Rewards Program allows you to earn points by attending designated educational presentations or events. These designated "activities" can be located on the GardenStyleSA calendar, <https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/events/>.

Qualifying events are assigned one to three reward points each, generally corresponding to the time or effort each activity requires. A maximum of seven points may be earned to receive \$150 in coupons in a calendar year. The coupons will be emailed automatically to the email address provided when signing up for the rewards program. The coupon values correspond to the number of points you earn.

Three points: Earns a \$30 coupon toward the purchase of a rain barrel or garden tools from participating local retailers.

Five points: Earns a \$50 coupon toward the purchase of organic mulch or compost.

Seven points: Earns a \$70 coupon to be used for a variety of materials including:

- Plants
- Mulch
- Rain barrels
- Birdbaths and bird feeders
- Compost
- Other landscaping supplies

The coupons can be redeemed for a variety of gardening material from participating local retailers (<https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/garden-resources1/watersaver-reward-coupon-retailers/>).

Yearly re-application is not necessary, but points earned in one year do not carry over to the next year. More than one adult per household may have their own

WaterSaver Rewards card, but all points are awarded on an individual basis and may not be transferred to another person. These coupons total **\$150 per person**, and the program is completely free.

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn water conservation practices that can help lower your water bill and give you free plants, compost, mulch and more. You can sign up and get the full details at

<https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/watersaver-rewards/>.

I highly encourage everyone who has not yet signed up for this program to give it a try and start earning points as soon as you can.

Conservationally Yours,

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