

# Wise Water Words

Hello Fellow Gardeners.

I hope everyone is doing well and staying cool. I am very thankful for the few rain events we have had in the past several weeks, but I sure hope more is on the way soon.

This month I would like to update everyone about the change in the San Antonio Water Systems (“SAWS”) WaterSaver Rebate Program. In my February article, I explained that there would be a new coupon to replace the patioscape coupon SAWS has offered for many years. The new coupon SAWS has added to their rebate program is the outdoor living rebate. This is an incentive the SAWS Conservation Department offers to remove some of that water using turfgrass and replace it with a pervious (allowing water to pass through) material instead, for example, flagstone or pavers. You can select the material that will work best in your landscape and extend your living space to the outdoors as the temperatures start to cool down. (Yes, that will really happen!)

To be eligible for this rebate, there are several things to know before you begin any work on this project. There is a pre-inspection requirement and the minimum size for the project is 200 square feet with a width of at least 10’, so a walkway or pathway will not be eligible. Any existing irrigation systems in the space it must be removed. All of the details of this exciting program can be found [here](#).

As I stated in my February article, the Landscape Coupon has not changed. You can still transform your landscape and receive a coupon from SAWS to help you pay for every 200 square feet of grass you remove — saving water and money! Details can be found [here](#).

The Residential Irrigation Design Rebate is also still in effect. If you make changes to your irrigation system, you may be eligible for a cash rebate to help create the garden or landscape you want without the high-water bills. If you eliminate the entire system, you’ll be eligible for a larger rebate. The specific details of the program can be found [here](#).

SAWS also offers its customers a Water Sensor Flow Rebate to detect leaks and to help you save even more money. Water flow sensor devices record your water use and identify potential leaks in your system. Track your use and have peace of mind with help from their rebate program. Details can be found [here](#).

These offers from the SAWS Conservation Department can really add up to a lot of savings, and each household can use 4 coupons for 2022, with a lifetime limit of 8 coupons total. Each coupon has specific rules and guidelines to follow, so check the individual coupons for the specifics. All the SAWS WaterSaver Programs can be found [here](#).

I highly recommend that you consider taking advantage of one or more of these coupons or rebates as you consider enhancing your landscape while making it more water efficient.

Conservationally yours,

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