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New homeowners in San Antonio, Texas and outdoor water use habits

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San Antonio is among the fastest growing cities in the country. One population projection estimates 1 million people will be added over the next 25 years. In 2006 approximately 19,000 new homes were built, 17,000 are forecasted for 2007. Many of these new homes have irrigation systems installed during construction or within the first year of occupancy. Initial analysis of outdoor water uses shows that new homeowners use more water in their first two years than expected. Is it possible that irrigation systems are not being set or used correctly therefore using more water than what is needed to establish a new landscape? Additional analysis of new homeowner outdoor water-use will be conducted in order to identify the specific form of help these new customers would find beneficial. If viable, a conservation plan based on this study will be created and specific programs will be developed.

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