

In limited situations, Austin Water may grant a variance from water restrictions ([City of Austin Code 6-4, Article 30](#)). All variances are issued on a case-by-case basis, and a request for a variance must be submitted using Austin Water's checklist and application. After the approved variance expires, applicants must follow the [current watering schedule](#).

Austin Water's **Environmental Variance** is to protect an endangered plant, animal, aquatic species, or critical environmental feature.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a customer of Austin Water
- Must not [waste water](#)
  - no broken/missing sprinkler heads, leaking/broken pipes, or leaking faucet
  - no water running, flowing or streaming into street, parking lot, or other surface

#### ENVIRONMENTAL VARIANCE:

- Allows you to avoid or lessen the impact on an endangered or protected plant, animal, aquatic species or critical environmental feature; or
- to maintain the traditional and natural character of a critical environmental feature

#### CHECKLIST

- Meet all eligibility requirements above
- Provide variance explanation
- Submit the application and send it to:
  - mail:** Austin Water Conservation, Attn: Variances, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767
  - email:** [watercon@austintexas.gov](mailto:watercon@austintexas.gov)
  - fax:** 512-974-3504

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Austin Water Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Account Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address  
(if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**VARIANCE EXPLANATION**

- Protected/Endangered Plant, Aquatic Species or Animal
- Maintain the traditional and natural character

- Critical Environmental Feature
- Other

Explain why you are requesting this variance:

**VARIANCE AGREEMENT**

I certify that all statements and representations contained in this application are true, correct and complete. I have read and understand the variance eligibility. I have completed each of the required items on the checklist and submitted all required items. I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed and irrigation pursuant to this variance does not exempt me (or my organization, if applicable) from complying with Austin Code, Chapter 6-4, Water Conservation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF AUSTIN USE ONLY**

Approved  Denied

Site Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Staff: \_\_\_\_\_