

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 **Large Property Variance** is for large residential or commercial property that cannot be completely watered with an average coverage of .5 inches under the current watering schedule (*does not apply to new landscape/xeriscape projects*).

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

LARGE PROPERTY VARIANCE:

- Allows you to divide your property into sections, and grants extra time for the section of the property that cannot be watered following the current watering schedule.
- Customers with:
 - Automatic irrigation systems can water each section no more than one time a week.
 - Hose-end sprinklers can qualify if their lot's size/shape keeps them from watering it in the two days allowed.

CHECKLIST

- Meet all eligibility requirements above
- Provide variance explanation
- Provide automatic irrigation system information (*if applicable*)
- Provide a detailed site map
- Submit the application and send it to:
 - mail:** Austin Water Conservation, Attn: Variances, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767
 - email:** watercon@austintexas.gov
 - fax:** 512-974-3504

NEW LANDSCAPE/XERISCAPE - VARIANCE APPLICATION**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Austin Water Account #: _____ Name of Account Holder: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Type of Property: Commercial Multifamily Residential

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address
(if different than above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VARIANCE EXPLANATION

Explain why you are requesting this variance:

AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SYSTEM INFORMATION

Please complete the attached irrigation system information chart, if applicable.

SITE MAP

Please include a site map that shows the following:

- North arrow, street information, and building arrangement;
- Outline of areas of the property irrigated by each controller (*see example*)
- Controller's identification and locations (*if applicable*)

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: _____

LARGE PROPERTY – IRRIGATION SYSTEM INFORMATION CHART

Controller #	Is Controller Running in Sequence or Together with other controllers?	If Together, List Controller #s Running Together	# of Spray Zones	# of Rotor Zones	# of Multi-Stream Rotor Zones	# of Drip/Bubbler Zones	Total # of Zones per Controller	Total # Minutes Requested	Watering Day(s) of Week Requested
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