



Austin Water
Special Circumstance Variance
Pesticide or Fertilizer Application
Fire, Sanitation, Health Protection
Threat to Primary Source of Income

INSTRUCTIONS

Variations to watering restrictions may be granted in accordance with City Code, Chapter 6-4-81(A) whereby the Austin Water Utility (AWU) Executive Director determines that a special circumstance exists. This determination is made when compliance with this code adversely affects the health, sanitation, or fire protection of the public or applicant, when there is an adverse effect on the application of fertilizer or pesticide, or when compliance substantially threatens the applicant's primary source of income.

Please Note:

- **Compliance with the water use regulations contained in Austin City Code Chapter 6-4, Water Conservation is required until specific approval is granted by the Water Conservation Division of Austin Water.**
- **An application for a variance does not provide reliance that the variance as requested will be approved.**
- **All variances are decided on a case-by-case basis**

Compliance:

Throughout the life of the variance, the Water Service Account Holder/property owner is responsible for compliance with all the provisions of the Chapter 6-4 Water Conservation. This will include but is not limited to the following:

A person may not fail to repair a controllable leak including:

- a broken sprinkler head, leaking or broken pipes or a leaking faucet;

A person may not operate a permanently installed irrigation system with:

- a broken head
- a head that is out of adjustment and the arc of the spray head is over a street or parking lot
- a head that is misting because of high water pressure; and

A person may not allow:

- water to run off a property and form a stream of water in a street for a distance of 50 feet or greater
- water to pond in a street or parking lot to a depth greater than one-quarter of an inch.

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APPLICATION

The applicant will be provided a variance posting form to be placed in a location on the subject property that is accessible and visible to the public. This form must remain in place until the variance is expired.

Please complete the following:

Requested Start Date: _____

Expiration Date: _____

(AWU Use Only)

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

City of Austin Utility Account Number: _____

Name Appearing on Utility Account: _____

Account Holder's Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Property Name (if applicable): _____

Organization: _____

Property Management Company: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Landscape Company: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the box that best describes your variance request:

Athletic Field Work Schedule Conflict Threat to Primary Source of Income

Chemical Applications Health/Medical Assistance Other

Briefly describe why a variance is being requested: _____

ID Request # _____
(AWU use only)

WATER ACCOUNT HOLDER SIGNATURE

By signing my name below, I acknowledge that the above information is true and correct. I further understand the water use restrictions imposed by this variance and that irrigation or other water use made pursuant to this variance does not exempt the applicant or the property owner/manager from complying with the provisions of Austin City Code, Chapter 6-4-63(D), Water Conservation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

❖ATHLETIC FIELDS ONLY: In order to avoid delays in application processing, please submit all required information and sign in the space provided below.

1. Submit a map of the playing field(s) with each field labeled by name if applicable;
2. Include a playing schedule of the field(s) that are used (include days and times); and
3. Include the irrigation schedule being requested in the variance (include days and times).

In applying for this variance I certify that field conditions adversely affect the health of the public or the applicant utilizing the field(s). In addition, I certify that the additional irrigation days/times requested in the attached schedule is solely for the protection of the health of athletes utilizing the field(s).

(Signature)

(Affiliation)

(Date)

Please print this application and sign above. Upon completion, mail to:

AWU Water Conservation
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767
Or

Fax to (512) 974-6548 or Email: waterusecompvar@austintexas.gov

You will be contacted within five (5) business days of receipt with notification of approval or denial of this application.

AWU Use Only

Approved

Denied

Initial Site Inspection Date: _____

_____/_____
(AWU staff) (Date)