

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. Applicants must follow the [current watering schedule](#) until Austin Water approves the variance. Variance requests must be submitted using Austin Water's checklist and application. After an approved variance expires, applicants must follow the current watering schedule.

Austin Water's **Large Property Variance** is for large residential or commercial properties that cannot be completely watered with an average coverage of 0.5 inches under the current watering schedule (*does not apply to new landscape/xeriscape projects*).

This variance lets customers divide their property into sections, and grants extra time for the sections 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.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a customer of Austin Water
- Must not be [wasting 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

CHECKLIST

- Meet all eligibility requirements above
- Complete the watering variance application
- Provide a detailed site map (*see page 4 for an example*)
- Complete the Automatic Irrigation System Information Chart (*if applicable*)
- Submit completed application materials to Austin Water:

Mail: Austin Water Conservation, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767

Email: watercon@austintexas.gov

Fax: 512-974-3504

RESOURCES

- [Watering Variances Frequently Asked Questions](#)

WATERING VARIANCE APPLICATION – LARGE PROPERTY**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Austin Water Account #: _____

Name of Account Holder: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Business / Organization: _____

Property Type: Commercial Multifamily Residential

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VARIANCE INFORMATION

1) Please Explain Why You Are Requesting This Variance:

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2) Please include a site map that shows the following (see example on page 4):

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

3) Please complete the Automatic Irrigation System Information Chart on page three (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.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

CITY OF AUSTIN USE ONLY: Approved Denied

Site Inspection Date: _____

Staff: _____

LARGE PROPERTY WATERING VARIANCE – AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SYSTEM INFORMATION CHART

Controller Number	Does Controller Run in Sequence or Together With Other Controllers?	Which Controller #s Run Together?	Number of Each:				Total # of Zones per Controller	Total # Minutes Requested	Watering Day(s) Requested
			Spray Zones	Rotor Zones	Multi-Stream Rotor Zones	Drip/Bubbler Zones			
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