

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 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 **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 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
- Submit the completed application 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 – ENVIRONMENTAL**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Austin Water Account #: _____

Name of Account Holder: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Business / Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VARIANCE EXPLANATION

- Protected/Endangered Plant, Aquatic Species Or Animal
- Maintain Traditional and Natural Character of a Critical Environmental Feature
- Other: _____

Please 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.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

CITY OF AUSTIN USE ONLY: Approved Denied

Site Inspection Date: _____

Staff: _____