

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 **Income Variance** is for businesses whose primary source of income depends on using water outside of the watering schedule.

ELIGIBILITY

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

Power or pressure washers must:

- Use equipment fitted with a water recycling unit and a spray nozzle using no more than 3.5 gallons of water per minute; and
- Have a working trigger shut-off with a protective weep mechanism.

A car or vehicle wash is:

- A permanently-located business that washes cars, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes, motorcycles or other mobile equipment or vehicles with water or water-based products
 - o This includes self-service car washes, full service car washes, bay-style car washes, and facilities managing vehicle fleets or inventory

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
- Post approved variance in the windshield of the vehicle used for this variance or in a location on the property that is visible to the public until the variance expires

RESOURCES

- [Watering Variances Frequently Asked Questions](#)

WATERING VARIANCE APPLICATION – INCOME

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

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: _____