

Large Landscape Variances



San Antonio Water System will consider variances from drought rules on a limited basis. Large properties are expected to find ways to water within the required days and time for each stage. During the 2000 Drought we granted less than 10 Large Landscape Variances. When variance were considered during the last extended drought, the following policies were followed:

- Those sites where variances were granted showed a significant reduction in total water use.
- Sites granted variances demonstrated water reduction by prioritizing zones and turning off zones with lower priority.
- If a plan is being considered for a variance, SAWS staff will make an appointment to visit the property with the site manager to review the plan.
- An application is NOT a guarantee of getting a variance. Very few are granted during drought stages.
- Variances are never given for watering during the middle of the day. Only additional watering days are considered.
- Enforcement officers will be very familiar with each variance given and will watch for violations. Citations will be given for any observed violation of the variance agreement.

Information to include in a variance request:

- Irrigation Analysis Form (zone by zone check of entire system) that includes precipitation rate for each zone or demonstration that you will only water 10 minutes for zones with spray nozzles or 20 minutes per zone with rotors
- Table with proposed irrigation schedule for each zone (see attached sheet)
- Signed statement from a licensed irrigator that all repair problems noted on analysis have been addressed (non-profit organizations may have site manager sign)

By Requesting a variance you agree that:

- Each zone will only be watered once/week
- Total water put down on each zone is only ½"/week
- List zones that may be left dormant and not be run to demonstrate conservation effort

Contact the Conservation Department at 704-SAVE.

Athletic Fields follow a different application process. For those they should contact the Conservation Department at 704-SAVE to discuss their variance request.

Landscape Watering Variance Request For Large Properties



Before completing this form, please read the background and policies information on large landscape variances.

Name: _____
First *Last*

Company Name: _____

Location: _____
Street

City *State* *Zip*

SAWS Account # (if applicable): _____

E-mail: _____
Please print only using block letters

Fax: _____

Please check a method to have the variance returned

Mail E-mail Fax

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