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## Large Property Watering Variance Program

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### Guidelines

- 1) Properties must have at least 20,000 square feet of irrigated landscape to participate.
- 2) Properties will be allotted a monthly water allocation based on: total square footage of turf and plant beds AND the water needs of each plant type derived from weather data over the property's billing period. Property contacts will receive a monthly report comparing actual use to the allocations for each month and the to-date annual.
- 3) If a property exceeds the to-date annual allocation they may stay enrolled in the program by submitting an irrigation efficiency plan including:
  - a) Known issues with the irrigation system
  - b) The current watering schedule
  - c) A list of actions that will be taken to improve efficiency

All 3 contacts listed for the property must sign the plan or confirm they have reviewed the plan via email to the program contact. Failure to submit a plan or demonstrate progress to achieve a previously submitted plan will result in the property losing watering variance privileges. If privileges are revoked, the property cannot run irrigation systems more than three days per week (permanent limit) or fewer if drought restrictions are in effect.

- 4) If drought restrictions are implemented, allocations will follow the City of Aurora's Water Management Plan reduction goals. For example, Stage 1 drought calls for a 20% reduction in outdoor water use so the monthly allocation will be reduced by 20% until the drought declaration is lifted.
- 5) **Enrolling in this program does not affect your water rate, only your ability to water outside of current watering day restrictions.**
- 6) **Reminder: Watering is NOT allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, even for Variance Program participants. Participation in the program allows you to run irrigation at your property more than 3 days per week, HOWEVER you may still NOT run any given zone more than 3 days per week or fewer if drought restrictions are in effect.**

### Signup

- 1) **RETURNING** participants do not need to complete an application, just email program contact with an updated name and email for each of the following:
  - a) Property owner or board representative
  - b) Property manager
  - c) Landscape manager
- 2) **NEW** participants must fill out an application (below). Include accurate turf and plant bed square footage for the property. Aurora Water reserves the right to verify and adjust landscape information.

- 3) Once approved or renewed for the program, properties will receive stickers with the current year that should be installed over the previous year on existing Variance Program signs.
- 4) Properties that do not have Variance Program signs should email program contact for the sign template. Signs may be obtained through the vendor of your choice (Aurora Water does not sell/provide signs) and must meet these requirements:
  - a) Be printed on durable, outdoor material
  - b) Display both sides of the template
  - c) Be at least 18in. X 24in.

### **Application**

Email completed applications to [awaters@auroragov.org](mailto:awaters@auroragov.org)

A) Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_

B) Square footage or irrigated landscape. Turf: \_\_\_\_\_ Beds: \_\_\_\_\_

C) Water account number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

D) Owner or board representative name and email:

E) Property manager name and email:

F) Landscaper name and email:

G) Primary mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing below, you agree to inform your maintenance company of program guidelines, parameters and processes. You also agree to allow Aurora Water to share you water consumption information with your maintenance company.**

I have read all the accompanying information and understand my responsibilities and obligations as outlined by Aurora Water with regard to irrigation of the above property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature: Owner/Responsible Party**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**