

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Emergency Water Conservation Plan

ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF COMPLIANCE APPLICATION PROCESS
(Outdoor Water Use *Only*)

Qualifying Criteria

The following provides the qualifying criteria for a variance as specified in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Chapter XII, Article I, Sections 121.08(C):

Large Landscape Areas

Upon written Notice to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), Large Landscape Areas may deviate from the non-watering days by meeting the following requirements: 1) must have approved weather-based irrigation controllers registered with the LADWP (eligible weather-based irrigation controllers are those approved by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California or the Irrigation Association Smart Water Application Technologies initiative); 2) must reduce overall monthly water use by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners--adopted degree of shortage (30% for **Phase III**) plus an additional five percent from a Maximum Allowable Water Allotment (MAWA) calculation provided by the LADWP, within 30 days; and 3) must use recycled water if it is available from the LADWP.

Sports Fields

Upon written Notice to the LADWP, irrigation of Sports Fields may deviate from the non-watering days to maintain play areas and accommodate event schedules; however, to be eligible for this means of compliance, a customer must reduce overall monthly water use by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners-adopted degree of shortage (30% for Phase 3) plus an additional five percent from a Maximum Allowable Water Allotment (MAWA) calculation provided by the LADWP, within 30 days.

Who Can Apply

- Sports Fields: Sports Fields means a public or private facility supporting a business necessity or public benefit use that provides turf areas as a playing surface for individual and team sports and does not include a facility on a residential property.
- Large Landscape: Large Landscape Area means an area of vegetation at least three acres in size, supporting a business necessity or public benefit uses such as parks, golf courses, schools, and cemeteries, and includes without limitation Schedule F.

Request for Participation in the Alternative Means of Compliance Program

In order to request approval to participate in the Alternative Means of Compliance Program and Deviate from Non-Watering Days, the following documentation must be submitted by the Applicant:

(1) Request Letter

Request Letter should include the following:

- The property address where the Alternative Means of Compliance is being requested
- Square footage of landscaped area including percentage of turf.
- Submit documentation of methodology utilized in taking landscape measurements (GPS, GIS or equivalent).
- List of water meters to be included in the Alternative Means of Compliance Program (meters can be aggregated by site).
- List of Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers (WBICs), include number of stations, make and model number and whether or not you are using the weather-based capabilities of the controller. (This is not required for “Sports Fields”)
- Submit a description of actions to be taken in order to achieve the required 35% reduction in overall monthly water usage.
- State clearly that you are requesting a variance from the normal non-watering days and that you understand that this Alternative Means of Compliance requires a 35% reduction in the overall Maximum Allowable Water Allotment (MAWA) calculation by the LADWP.
- Point of contact information for Alternative Means of Compliance Request (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address).
- Any questions can be emailed to Simone Taylor, LADWP Water Conservation Response Unit, Simone.Taylor@ladwp.com

(2) Supporting Documentation

Supporting documentation (such as photographs, maps, drawings, or other pertinent information) must be attached to the Request Letter, if applicable.

Applicant shall submit Request Letter and all documentation to:

Alternative Means of Compliance Program
 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
 ATTN: Water Conservation Response Unit
 1230 W. 3rd St., Room 111, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Determination of Request

Approval Authority

The LADWP will exercise approval authority and act upon any completed Request Letter. The applicant requesting to participate in the Alternative Means of Compliance Program will be promptly notified in writing of any action taken. The decision of the LADWP is final. Unless specified otherwise at the time a request is approved, the Alternative Means of Compliance Program applies to the subject property during the term of the applicable phase of the Emergency Water Conservation Plan.

Required Findings for Alternative Means of Compliance

A request to participate in the Alternative Means of Compliance Program will be denied unless the approving authority finds, based on the information provided in the request, supporting documents, or such additional information as may be requested, and on water use information for the property as shown by the records of the LADWP, all of the following:

- (A) The request is for a site that meets the definition of Sports Fields as defined in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Chapter XII, Article I, Section 121.03. or
- (B) The request is for a site that meets the definition of Large Landscape Area as defined in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Chapter XII, Article I, Section 121.03 and that site is irrigated by an approved weather-based irrigation controller.

Monitoring Reduction in Water Usage

- Accounts will be monitored on a monthly basis.
- The first time that the 35% reduction in water usage is not met, a written warning will be issued.
- For a second violation, the customer will receive a \$400.00 citation on the water portion of the bill
- A third violation will result in a \$600.00 citation on the water portion of the bill.
- A fourth violation will result in a \$800.00 citation on the water portion of the bill
- A fifth violation will result in a \$1,200.00 citation on the water portion of the bill and removal from the Alternative Means of Compliance Program. Upon removal from the Alternative Means of Compliance Program, the customer is restricted to the watering schedule of the current conservation phase being implemented.

Requests will be processed within 30 days of receipt, unless processing time is dependent on receipt of data and/or recommendations from outside the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Customers will be notified of the determination in writing.