

Did you know Irvine Ranch Water District provides a default water budget based on your property type?

There are three property types used to determine your default water budget: the property classification, the base number of residents per household, and the default area of outdoor landscaping. If your home is classified as one of the three property types below, but has more than the base number of residents shown, you can complete a variance for a more accurate water budget.

Single-Family Residence



Base number of residents per household **4**

Attached Home or Condo



Base number of residents per household **3**

Apartment



Base number of residents per household **2**

GETTING STARTED

There are three conditions that may apply at your household that require a larger water budget:

- More than the base number of residents per household
- Medical needs
- The presence of livestock

APPLYING FOR AN INDOOR RESIDENT VARIANCE

- 1) Gather one of the documents listed below FOR EACH household member** living at the property for six months or more per year. All documents must be current and must show the current service address to be considered for an indoor variance:
 - birth certificate
 - school records
 - income tax return
 - driver's license
 - lease agreements, etc.
- 2) Scan or photograph the document(s)** and upload them to your computer. These types of documents are required as verification of residence for your indoor variance and must be included with your online form.
- 3) To submit your online variance form, upload your scanned documents to:**
IRWD.com/services/request-a-water-variance.

Indoor variances require annual renewal. IRWD will mail an annual renewal letter and form.

APPLYING FOR A MEDICAL NEEDS VARIANCE

- 1) Provide a verifiable doctor's note stating the condition that requires additional water use. Please note, all medical information will be kept confidential.
- 2) To submit your online variance form, upload your scanned documents to: IRWD.com/services/request-a-water-variance.

APPLYING FOR A LIVESTOCK VARIANCE

- 1) Provide a list of the number and type of livestock on your property that require additional water and include the list with your online form.
- 2) Take a photo of the livestock and upload the photo to your computer. The photo must be included with the online form. Please note, a site visit may be required to verify.
- 3) To submit your online variance form, upload your scanned documents to: IRWD.com/services/request-a-water-variance.

Livestock variances require annual renewal. IRWD will mail an annual renewal letter and form.

VARIANCE VERIFICATION

To confirm your water budget has been adjusted after submitting your variance:

- 1) Check your IRWD Billing Details. Page 3 of your monthly water bill should reflect the new landscape area and any other approved variance information (this may take one or two billing cycles before appearing on the bill). See the example information indicated below:



Billing Details

Date Bill Prepared:	Jan 25, 2021
Billing Period:	36 days – 12/21/20 to 01/25/21
Meter Number:	5552345
Meter Size:	5/8"
Previous Read:	2303
Current Read:	2317
Your Water Usage for this Billing Period:	14 CCF
Your Water Budget for this Billing Period:	12 CCF



Your monthly water budget is based on 6 occupants with 1,300 SQ FT total irrigated landscape area, plus the following variance adjustments: Livestock Variance and Medical Variance applied

- 2) Once your water budget has been updated, we invite you to see how your water usage compares to your peers using IRWD's Water Insight Program. This program will provide you with feedback on your usage compared with your water budget and with a group of similar customers. Visit IRWD.waterinsight.com/index.php/welcome to log in and review your information.