

Submitted by staff
at 6/20/2012 meeting.
Item 2

RULE 169 - WATER RATIONING VARIANCE

- A. The General Manager shall assign additional water beyond the Water Ration established in Stage 5 through Stage 7 in the following circumstances upon submittal of the appropriate variance request form and fees.
- B. The following variances shall be considered and provide cause to allow additional water during Stages 5 through 7.
1. Medical and/or sanitation needs certified by a doctor;
 2. Hospital and/or health care facilities that have achieved all BMPs for those uses;
 3. Drinking water for large livestock;
 4. Non-Residential Users that can demonstrate compliance with all BMPs appropriate for the type of use and where there is minimal exterior water use on the water meter or water supply serving the use;
 5. Leaks, when an invoice is provided by a licensed plumber or contractor;
 6. Commercial laundromats with signs advising full loads only;
 7. Business in a home on a case-by-case basis;
 8. Riparian irrigation when required as a condition of a riverbank restoration Permit issued by the District or as a condition of a riverbank erosion protection Permit issued by the District.
 9. Emergency, extreme, or unusual situations on a case-by-case basis;
- C. NO VARIANCE

The following categories of water use shall not qualify for special consideration or provide cause for additional water under the provisions of this Regulation:

1. Visitors other than those occupying Short-Term Residential Housing as defined in Rule 11 (Definitions) when the property owner has submitted a completed survey form with the applicable information about the occupancy of the Site. The District may request additional documentation to substantiate Water Rations for Short-Term Residential Housing;
2. Irrigation, other than variances allowed by Rule 169-B-8 of this Regulation.
3. Filling spas, ponds, fountains, etc.;
4. Leaks that are not repaired within 72 hours of notice.

D. MANDATORY CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Prior to approving any Residential or multi-family Residential variance pursuant to Rule 169-B, the Site must be in compliance with all applicable District Rules and Regulations and the following water conservation standards shall be achieved in all structures on the Site. Verification by District inspection shall be conducted prior to granting a variance.
 - a. Toilets shall be designed to flush with a maximum of 1.6 gallons-per-flush;
 - b. Showerheads, Rain Bars, or Body Spray Nozzles shall not emit more than 2.2 gallons per minute of water in the aggregate per bathing enclosure;
 - c. Faucets shall not emit more than 1.5 gallons of water per minute;
 - d. If an irrigation system is installed, drip irrigation exclusively shall be used to irrigate non-turf plantings. This requirement may be waived when outdoor watering is prohibited.

2. Prior to approving any Non-Residential variance pursuant to Rule 169-B, the Site must be in compliance with all applicable District Rules and Regulations and the following water conservation standards shall be achieved in all structures on the Site. Verification by District inspection shall be conducted prior to granting a variance.
 - a. Toilets shall be designed to flush with a maximum of 1.6 gallons-per-flush;
 - b. Showerheads, Rain Bars, or Body Spray Nozzles shall not emit more than 2.2 gallons per minute of water in the aggregate per bathing enclosure;
 - c. Faucets shall not emit more than 1.5 gallons of water per minute;
 - d. If an irrigation system is installed, drip irrigation exclusively shall be used to irrigate non-turf plantings. This requirement may be waived when outdoor watering is prohibited;
 - e. Automatic sensor faucets or self-closing faucets shall be installed where there are more than two washbasins in a room;
 - f. Site must comply with all BMPs appropriate for the type of use.

Rule added by Ordinance 92 (1/28/99); amended by Ordinance No. 119 (3/21/2005); Ordinance No. 125 (9/18/2006); Ordinance No. 134 (8/18/2008); Ordinance No. 137 (12/8/2008)