



## City of Tempe Water Conservation Report and Water Use Plan: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The City of Tempe's Water Conservation and Efficiency Program works to connect with the development community and provide resources to ensure that growth and re-development is done with water efficiency in mind. Tempe Ordinance 92.27 ([TCC 33-140-142](#)) requires that a Water Conservation Report (WCR) be completed and submitted before a building permit is issued for new, non-residential buildings and the commercial portion of mixed-use buildings, and for additions, alterations or tenant improvements of non-residential buildings and structures and the commercial portion of mixed-use buildings and structures. New, non-residential buildings that have an estimated annual use which averages 10-acre feet or more per day or more (excluding turf-related facilities) are also required to submit a Water Use Plan. Both the Water Conservation Report and the Water Use Plan require a seal by an Arizona registered architect or engineer, confirming that they comply with this code as a condition to the issuance of a building permit.

### **When did this ordinance go into effect?**

-The ordinance is applicable to all permits applied for, on or after October 11, 1992.

### **Who is required to submit a WCR?**

- Any new, non-residential buildings or structures.
- Any new, commercial portion of a mixed-use building.
- Any additions, alterations or tenant improvements to non-residential or commercial portion of a mixed-use building when the additions, alterations or tenant improvements result in an increase in the number of water fixture units or water consumption.

### **Who is required to submit a Water Use Plan?**

-New, non-residential buildings that have an estimated annual use which averages 10-acre feet or more per day or more, excluding turf-related facilities.

### **Are Water Use Plans required in addition to a WCR?**

-Yes, for projects that qualify based on the parameters outlined above. New, non-residential projects that will have an estimated daily water use of 10-acre feet or more per day require both documents be submitted.

### **What types of projects are exempt from submitting a WCR?**

- Residential buildings including apartments, condominiums, townhouses and single-family dwellings. This does not include hotels, motels or other commercial customers that may house residents.
- Park buildings and structures.
- Temporary construction buildings or structures.

### **How do I submit a Water Conservation Report or a Water Use Plan?**

-Developers may use the City's templates, found [here](#) or create their own using a different format that meets all requirements. Both documents (if required) can be emailed to Water Conservation at [conservation@tempe.gov](mailto:conservation@tempe.gov), or mail hardcopies to attention Tempe Water Conservation at P.O. Box 5002, Tempe, AZ 85280.

For examples of Water Conservation Reports and Water Use Plans, visit



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