

# McCaffrey Homes opens Liberty Square with water-wise landscape designs

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Landscaping has become a hot topic as California makes its way through another summer drought.

Homeowners wonder whether they should continue to water their lawns, whether to pull grass out for a drought-tolerant design, and whether to install synthetic grass or not. Then you have builders trying to figure out how to please buyers while obeying water rules. The California Water Commission approved last week [new restrictions](#) on the use of grass to save water.

At [McCaffrey Homes'](#) new northwest Fresno development called [Liberty Square](#), the Fresno builder gives buyers a new way to look at landscaping.

The model homes in the 124-home development, at [Hayes and Herndon avenues](#), uses drought tolerant plants like dwarf olives, lavender, agave and succulents to create lush yards that don't need a lot of water to survive.

"You can still have a very lush looking landscape that doesn't have to look so feral," said Terry Broussard, landscape designer who has worked with McCaffrey for 15 years and was the designer behind [Clovis Community Medical Center's](#) landscape.

The idea is to expand outdoor living. The builder got rid of the front yard and created a living space with room for a table and chairs. The house is built off-center to give homeowners a wider side yard for entertaining with either a grilling area or a raised planter bed with potting shed as the models show.

Liberty Square is a gated community with homes that range in size from 1,141 to 2,145 square feet with two to four bedrooms and three bathrooms. The development extends Herndon's Regional Urban Trail connecting it to Turtle Bay Park, a new neighborhood park.

A grand opening was held July 18 and 19. Prices start in the low \$200,000s.

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