

MLS Areas Field Update

Effective January 4th, the MLS areas field will be removed from the MLS database. Please read the important details below.

Over the past decade, MLSs nationwide have moved away from arbitrary MLS Areas. This aligns CHS MLS with industry best practices and positions you to better serve your clients with tools that are relevant, flexible, and compliant.

WHY THIS CHANGE

-  Current boundaries are outdated and don't reflect ongoing development in our growing region.
-  Rigid, MLS-assigned areas don't align with actual search patterns for most clientele.
-  Some listings fall into unclear areas or get missed in searches entirely.
-  Outdated geographic designations create unnecessary fair housing and steering risks.

WHAT TO USE INSTEAD

You already have flexible search options that better align with how you actually look for properties: maps to draw custom boundaries, municipal boundaries, subdivisions, and zip codes, for example.

HOW TO PREPARE

Nothing is required from your end, but there are a few things you could do to make the transition easier.

-  Familiarize yourself with zip codes as an easy search starting point.
-  Watch the online webinar detailing the change and alternative search methods.

Saved searches using an MLS Area as a criteria point will be updated to include a polygon so that you do not need to rebuild existing searches prior to the January 4th change.