

Supra Lockbox Activity – Updated Through Week of May 10 – 16

Activity increases in both Washington and Oregon

When comparing the week of May 10 – May 16 with the week prior, the number of times an RMLS™ subscriber opened a Supra lockbox increased 7.6% in Washington and increased 6.4% in Oregon.



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Supra Lockbox Activity – Updated Through Week of May 3 – 9

Both states show decreases in activity

When comparing the week of May 3 – May 9 with the week prior, the number of times an RMLS™ subscriber opened a Supra lockbox decreased 15.6% in Washington and decreased 17.3% in Oregon.



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Supra Lockbox Activity – Updated Through Week of April 26 – May 2

Both states show decreases in activity

When comparing the week of April 26 – May 2 with the week prior, the number of times an RMLS™ subscriber opened a Supra lockbox decreased 23.4% in Washington and decreased 15.2% in Oregon.



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All Room Features: Simplifying Searches

Save time using this new field in Advanced Search

Now, you have the ability to search across all rooms for a particular room feature. The recent All Room Features field addition to Advanced Search on RMLSweb will help you be much more efficient in your searching.

We know this firsthand because the Communications staff here at RMLS™ was recently working together to come up with our weekly Friday Fun Fact. We decided to see how many active listings in RMLSweb had balconies. However, this simple task proved to be more difficult than we had anticipated.

In order to get our answer, we conducted individual searches for balconies in each room category listed in Advanced Search. For example, we searched for balconies in “2nd Bedroom Features,” “3rd Bedroom Features,” “Additional Room #1 Features,” and so on until we had the total count of balconies in each room category.

Our work wasn't done just yet, either. We then added together all of the search counts from each room category to get our grand total of active listings with balconies.

Thanks to the addition of the All Room Features field, the next time we want to know how many properties have balconies, we can run just one search. We imagine that you can also benefit from being able to search through all of the room categories in one simple step.

Check out our How to Search Using All Room Features tutorial to see a demonstration. Click the image below to view our tutorial.



Supra Lockbox Activity – Updated Through Week of April 19-25

Minimal changes in activity from previous week

When comparing the week of April 19 – April 25 with the week prior, the number of times an RMLS™ subscriber opened a Supra lockbox decreased 1.2% in Washington and increased 1.8% in Oregon.



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New Updates on RMLSweb Now in Action

RMLSweb has been updated with some new and exciting features:

1) Electronic input forms are now available in several formats on RMLSweb. Take a look at the Listing Input Forms Change Summary to see all changes.

2) In client and agent reports, most city and county names are now links to local municipalities for that area

3) Short Sale Yes/No, Short Sale Offer Yes/No and Energy Efficiency have been added to the Export Residential Report. Distance to BLM has also been added to the Export Farms and Ranches Report.

4) All Room Features field is now available in Advanced Search

May Real Estate Events & Education

This May, get educated with FREE RMLSweb training

Here's a quick rundown of upcoming real estate events & education for May in Oregon & Southern Washington. If you have an event that is not listed here, please let us know by commenting below. For future events, please send an e-mail to communications (at) rmls (dot) com.

Events around the Region:

-**Through May 30:** Prudential Real Estate Professionals offers its CRS111 Short Sales and Foreclosures course held on July 1st. Discounted registration is available until May 30th.

-**May 3:** Clark County Association of Realtors® offers Get Connected Boot Camp for FREE admission

-**May 17:** Clatsop Association of Realtors® co-presents Issues with Short Sales, Loan Modifications and Foreclosure Rescue in Seaside, Oregon

-**May 19:** PMAR® offers the Navigating the Realtor® Code of Ethics training seminar

-**May 20-21:** OAR® presents The Accredited Buyer's Representative®, a two-day course series at the Oregon Convention Center

-**May 23:** Vancouver Fine Homes Group hosts the Vancouver Fine Homes Spring Tour

-**May 26, 27:** Earth Advantage offers Sustainability Training for Accredited Real Estate Professionals

Also, if you're an RMLS™ subscriber, we have lots of **FREE** opportunities for continuing education credit at a location near you; click the link for your area to view the May Training Calendar:

- Coos County
- Eastern Oregon
- Eugene
- Florence
- Gresham
- Hood River
- Portland
- Roseburg
- Salem
- Vancouver

Supra Lockbox Activity – Updated Through Week of April 12-18

Activity declines in both Washington and Oregon

When comparing the week of April 12 – April 18 with the week prior, the number of times an RMLS™ subscriber opened a Supra lockbox decreased 3.7% in Washington and decreased 7.4% in Oregon.



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Fair Housing Laws Protect Us All

Fair housing is not just about “them”; we all belong to one or more protected class

By Jo Becker, Education/Outreach Specialist, Fair Housing Council of Oregon

This is the last in a series of blogs about April being the federal Fair Housing Month. Fair housing laws apply to all housing transactions—sales, mortgage lending, home insurance, HOA's, rentals and neighbor-on-neighbor harassment. The law even applies to student housing, designated senior housing, assisted living facilities and nursing homes as well as adult foster care homes and shelters, etc.

We often think of fair housing in terms of “them.” But to be clear, we all belong to one or more protected class. Each of us has a sex, a race and a religion (or not). We all have the right to choose where we live and to enjoy our housing without regard to protected class status. The bottom line is that fair housing applies to everyone and running afoul of the law not only harms individuals, families and society, but it can also be a costly mistake.

Because discrimination continues and there is still a lack of working knowledge about fair housing laws by both housing consumers and providers, FHCO proactively provides information on the law, acts as a resource for questions about fair housing and responds to complaints of illegal housing discrimination throughout Oregon and SW Washington. Despite our efforts, one out of every ten Oregonians believes he or she has been a victim of illegal housing discrimination.

Please be proactive and ensure that you understand your rights and responsibilities under the law! Please make an attempt to learn about fair housing and also visit the Breaking News section of our entry page at www.FHCO.org to read about national and local cases surrounding these related issues.

Are you interested in attending a fair housing class (good for core credits!)?

We post upcoming classes on our entry page under the heading of Events and Classes.

Are you interested in having an in-house presentation or class

for your office, company or organization? You can find our current class list along with pricing information at: www.FHCO.org/pdfs/classlist.pdf.

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This article brought to you by the Fair Housing Council; a nonprofit serving the state of Oregon and SW Washington. Learn more and/or sign up for our free, periodic newsletter at www.FHCO.org.

Qs about your rights and responsibilities under fair housing laws?

Visit www.FHCO.org or call 1-800-424-3247 Ext. 2.

Qs about this article? Do you want to schedule an in-office fair housing training program or speaker for corporate or association functions?

Contact Jo Becker at jbecker@FHCO.org or 503-453-4016.

Have property to promote?

Advertise vacancies or for-sales free across the Portland/Vancouver market at: www.HousingConnections.org

Supra Lockbox Activity – Updated Through April 11

Lockbox opens rebound, graphs get new look

When comparing the week of April 5 – April 11 with the week prior, the number of times an RMLS™ subscriber opened a Supra lockbox increased 33% in Washington and 26.6% in Oregon.



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