



RMLS Northstar Common Data Platform (CDP) Frequently Asked Questions

What does RMLS/Northstar CDP mean?

Residential Multiple Listing Service/Northstar Common Data Platform. What this means is that the RMLS is partnering with Northstar MLS through data sharing to provide our subscribers another tool. RMLS subscribers will have access to all Northstar listings and Northstar subscribers will have access to RMLS listings through a "Common Data Platform". Listings will appear in the RMLS just as they do now – there will just be a lot more of them! Cooperation rules apply – refer to the RMLS Rules and Regulations.

Why is the RMLS doing this?

Our Board of Directors recognized significant market overlap and the need to eliminate duplicate entry into multiple MLSs. They chose to join Northstar CDP in order to maintain our own identity, our own rules, and our own staff support. Members also appreciate the advanced features that Flexmls offers and wished to maintain those.

Why did the RMLS wait so long to make this change?

The RMLS was informed of latency and Transaction Desk issues by prior CDP users as well as Flexmls. To ensure the smoothest possible conversion with the least number of issues, our Board of Directors opted to wait until Northstar resolved their ongoing issues.

Will I have access to MN and ND forms?

The RMLS Transaction Desk will have MNR, NDAR*, and FMR transaction forms (*accessible to NDAR members) in our library. Agents can pay NDAR separately for their forms, but if not also an RMLS Subscriber, the ND forms will not be in their Transaction Desk. Membership conditions apply.

Will I have to follow both the FM RMLS rules and Northstar rules?

Agents that subscribe to the RMLS are subject to our local RMLS Rules and Regulations.

What are some of the benefits to keeping the RMLS local?

Following are some of the current Northstar "pain points", that we are aware of, that will not affect RMLS subscribers:

- Video links are allowed in Public Remarks.
- Room Dimensions are not mandatory.
- Banners on photos are allowed (if they do not contain branding).
- Travel directions are not mandatory. The verbiage "use GPS" is allowed.

What are some other changes?

- A "Coming Soon" status will be added.
- Filing/Uploading Listing Agreements and documents will be discontinued.
- Listings will no longer be audited daily they will be randomly spot checked.



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What will happen with my current IDX feeds?

IDX feeds will remain the same. There is no need to make any changes as feeds will update with the new data automatically.

What will happen with my transactions in Transaction Desk?

If you are currently a Northstar subscriber, transactions will be merged by Lonewolf (Transaction Desk) at conversion. Otherwise, there are no changes.

Who is in charge of data compliance?

FMR staff will continue auditing and handling complaints and error reports. There are NO automatic fines.

How is access to Supra Lockboxes going to work?

Supra lock boxes will be available to RMLS Participants and Subscribers under the Participants. Key Access is available to RMLS Subscribers and MLSs that share Supra cooperation with the RMLS.

*The following associations have agreed to cooperate: St. Cloud, Southern Minnesota (Mankato), Alexandria, NW Minnesota (Bemidji), Minneapolis, St. Paul, Western Wisconsin, and Lakes Country (Detroit Lakes). Southeast MN (Rochester) will cooperate on an individual basis contact FMR for more information.

What additional services will I receive with the RMLS?

In addition to Northstar, the RMLS will continue to partner with: Flexmls, ShowingTime, Offer Manager, Transaction Desk, Supra, RPR, FloPlan, Market Stats, Trust Funds (provided through NDAR).

Who do I contact if I have an issue with a listing?

Local FMR Support Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30 PM by phone or email.

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Our subscribers are the sole reason we are making this change. If you have suggestions or feedback please let us know.