

Searching Multiple Map Letters in Realcomp Online®

When searching multiple map letters in Realcomp Online®, there are two (2) ways that it can be done. The first, and easiest to remember, is to simply type in all of the map letters you would like to search separated with spaces and choose from the drop-down menu on the right “Custom (advanced)”. By default, this drop down-menu item is set to “Starts with”. An example of this is shown below.

Map Letters Entered Individually - Custom (Advanced) Chosen

ACREAGE:	Min <input type="text"/>	Max <input type="text"/>	
MAP LETTER:	<input type="text" value="A B C D E F G"/>	View MLS Area Maps	<input type="text" value="Custom (advanced)"/>
MAP NUMBER:	Min <input type="text"/>	Max <input type="text"/>	

The second more advanced way to search the map letter field is to specify a range. This can be done by entering the first map letter you would like to search, a space, two periods, another space, and finally the last letter you would like to search. As always, when typing in more than one of anything, you want to choose the “Custom (advanced)” option from the drop-down menu to the right of the prompt. An example of this is shown below.

Map Letters Entered in a Range – Custom (Advanced) Chosen

ACREAGE:	Min <input type="text"/>	Max <input type="text"/>	
MAP LETTER:	<input type="text" value="A . . G"/>	View MLS Area Maps	<input type="text" value="Custom (advanced)"/>
MAP NUMBER:	Min <input type="text"/>	Max <input type="text"/>	

Specifying a range is an easy way to cover a large number of map letters without having to type each one individually. However, there are possible issues that can occur when doing this. They are follows:

- 1) In the range example (above), the range should search for map letters A through G. It works exactly this way in most instances. However, some counties have map letters beyond Z. For example, Oakland County has map letters: AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, and AF. Due to the computer’s built-in logic, it automatically alphabetizes the map letters when looking at ranges. The result of this search in Oakland County gives not only the map letters A-G, but also AA-AF. To prevent this from happening when searching Oakland County, or any other county with expanded map letters beyond Z, you should use the first search method described in this document (by entering the Map Letters individually).
- 2) Similar issues can occur when trying to specify a range beyond the letter Z. When searching map letters Z through AB, again you will want to enter the map letters individually rather than specifying a range (for the same reasons given above).