

Using the Wild Card when Searching in Matrix

When searching using text fields, such as Subdivision or Street Name, if the exact full name is not known, or the spelling is unclear, use the asterisk (*) as a wildcard to replace any missing information - for example "*Forest" will return all matches ending with Forest. See example below:

The screenshot shows the ntreis matrix search interface. The search criteria are as follows:

- Status - Date or Range:** Active, Active Contingent, Active Kick Out, Active Option Contract, Cancelled, Expired, Pending, Sold, Temp Off Market, Withdrawn, Withdrawn Sublisting.
- Map Search:** No Map Selected. Within 0.25 miles of My Location.
- Street:** Street Number, Street Dir Prefix, Street Name, Street Type, Unit Number.
- County:** Anderson, Andrews, Angelina, Aransas, Archer.
- City:** Dallas, D Hanis, Daingerfield, Daisetta, Dalhart, Dallas.
- Zip Code:**
- Area:**
- Sub Area:**
- Price:** (000s)
- Total Bedrooms:**
- Master Bedroom on Main:** Master Bdrm - 1st Floor
- Total Baths:**
- Total Square Feet:**
- Acres:**
- Year Built:**
- # Stories:**
- # Garages Spaces:**
- Total Covered Parking:**

The **Subdivision** field is highlighted with a red box and contains the text "*forest". The search results show 8 matches.

ML #	Status	Area	Address	Subdivision Name	Current Price	Number Of Living Pool	Sq Ft Total	Beds	Baths	GAR/CP/TCP	Acres
13044240	Active	11/3	8922 Forest Glen Drive	Lake Forest	\$1,330,000	3 Y	5,384	3	3/1	2/0/2	0.173
13025900	Active	11/1	4325 Fawnhollow Drive	Midway Forest	\$569,900	3 N	3,873	5	3/1	3/0/3	0.290
13018322	Active	12/9	2515 Beechmont Drive	Peavy Forest	\$328,900	2 N	2,840	4	3/1	2/0/6	0.158
13038972	Active	11/1	4366 Fawnhollow Drive	Midway Forest	\$589,900	3 Y	2,824	5	3/0	2/0/2	0.283
13069350	Active	18/4	10149 Cherry Tree Drive	Country Forest	\$249,900	2 N	2,800	4	3/1	2/0/2	
13062484	Active Option Cor	15/4	3655 Coral Gables Drive	Park Forest	\$288,900	3 N	2,535	4	2/1	2/0/0	
12183773	Active	18/1	2942 Allister Street	Chapel Forest	\$119,000	1 N	1,226	2	2/0	2/0/2	0.104
12157744	Active Contingent	16/1	3019 Airhaven Street	Chapel Forest	\$133,500	1 N	1,214	2	2/0	2/0/2	0.112

Property Type is 'Residential'
 Status is one of 'Active', 'Active Contingent', 'Active Kick Out', 'Active Option Contract'
 Subdivision Name is like 'Forest'
 City is 'Dallas'
 Ordered by SqFt Total descending, Status, MLS Area, Current Price, MLS Number
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The results however will not include "West Forest Hills". However, an (*) before and after "Forest" will return all matches containing the word "Forest". Just remember this rule of thumb when using the asterisk (*), the asterisk replaces what you don't know in the field name. If you are not sure if the subdivision is "The West Forest Hills" or "Forest Hills, Phase 2", you can enter the asterisks before and after "forest" to receive all matches that include "forest" and then you don't have to do multiple searches to obtain the same results:

The search criteria for **Subdivision** is "*forest*". The results are:

- Forest Hills
- Lake Forest Ph G
- Forest Hills
- Lake Forest
- Lake Forest Ph A
- Forestcrest Estates