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The Lafayette Buyer's Smarter Search Guide

Stop feeding Zillow. Start searching like an agent.

PART ONE

The Problem With How Most Buyers Search

If you've been using Zillow, Trulia, or Realtor.com to search for homes in Lafayette — you're not alone. Almost every buyer starts there.

But here's what those platforms aren't telling you:

Every time you submit your info on Zillow, that lead is sold to 3–5 agents — none of whom you chose.

That's why your phone starts ringing. That's why your inbox fills up. You didn't ask for that. You just wanted to see a house.

On top of that, the listings you're seeing are often 24–48 hours behind the real market. By the time a home shows up on Zillow, agents and their clients may have already toured it — or written an offer.

In a market like Lafayette — where well-priced homes in good school zones move fast — that delay is the difference between getting a home and watching someone else get it.

There is a better way. That's what this guide is about.

PART TWO

5 Rules for Smarter Home Searching

01

Search from the source.

The MLS (Multiple Listing Service) is where all listings originate. Every portal — Zillow, Realtor.com, Redfin — pulls from it. But they pull with a delay. Ask your agent for direct MLS access so you're seeing homes the moment they list.

02

Protect your contact info.

Never submit your info on a public portal unless you want calls from strangers. Use a private search portal (like the one I provide) so your info stays between us.

03

Set alerts, not alarms.

Good search tools let you set precise alerts by school zone, price range, square footage, and lot size. Vague alerts create noise. Tight alerts create opportunity. We'll set yours up together.

04

Know your school zone boundaries — exactly.

In Lafayette, being one street over can mean a different elementary school. Boulder Valley School District boundaries are not always what online maps show. Always verify with BVSD directly before falling in love with an address.

05

Don't search alone.

The best homes in Lafayette often go under contract in days — sometimes hours. Having a local agent watching the market for you (not just an algorithm) means you hear about the right homes before they hit the public feed.

PART THREE

What Makes Lafayette Different

Lafayette isn't just a location — it's a community with its own personality. Here's what buyers who land here tend to love most:

■ Old Town Lafayette

Walkable, eclectic, full of local restaurants and coffee shops. Streets like Simpson and Public Road feel like a real main street — not a strip mall.

■ Trails & Open Space

The Coal Creek Trail, Waneka Lake, and easy access to the rest of the Boulder County trail system. Outdoor access is woven into the daily routine.

■ BVSD School Zones

Boulder Valley School District serves Lafayette. Elem schools like Sanchez, Placer, and Ryan each have distinct communities worth understanding.

■ Value Relative to Boulder

Lafayette offers genuine community character at price points that are still more accessible than Boulder proper — which is why smart buyers get here first.

■ Neighborhood Character

From 1960s ranches in established neighborhoods to newer construction near the highway, Lafayette has more range than people expect.

NEXT STEPS

You've got the guide. Here's what comes next.

1

Access your private home search

Check your inbox — your private MLS portal link is there. It's the same data agents use, with real-time updates and zero data selling.

2

Set your alerts

Once you're in the portal, set alerts for your exact criteria. I recommend filtering by school zone first, then price and square footage.

3

Reach out when you're ready

No pressure, no timeline. When you're ready to talk — or if you see something you want to tour — just reply to my email or text me directly.

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