

What makes a Co-op different?

Co-ops operate based on a set of principles designed to keep their operations equitable and accountable to Co-op Owners:

1st Principle:

Voluntary and Open Membership

2nd Principle:

Democratic Member Control

3rd Principle:

Member Economic Participation

4th Principle:

Autonomy and Independence

5th Principle:

Education, Training, and Information

6th Principle:

Cooperation among Cooperatives

7th Principle:

Concern for Community

GreenTree's Ends Policies:

1. GreenTree Cooperative Grocery exists so that there is a healthy community exemplifying Cooperative Principles & Values.
2. People have access to food and products that meet their health needs, including organic, non-GMO, locally-produced, and responsibly-sourced.
3. Our Owners have the opportunity to participate in a democratic process.
4. Our community benefits from GreenTree being an exemplary employer.
5. We have a strong local economy.
6. Our community is educated.
7. Our environment is positively impacted.

(We sell groceries too!)

Open every day from 8am-9pm

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What does it mean to be a

Co-op Owner?



How can I get in on this?

Buying a Share

An Ownership Share may be purchased in seven yearly installments of \$30 each, or paid in full with a single \$210 payment. If you choose to leave the Co-op for any reason you may request that all payments you have already made be refunded, minus a ten dollar processing fee. Your share dollars (your investments) provide the Co-op with working capital, which every business needs to operate.

Patronage Rebate

In years when GreenTree is profitable the Board of Directors will decide if and/or how much of GreenTree's net profit will be returned to Owners. Refunds will be distributed in proportion to your purchases.



Why should I Join?

By investing in a Co-op like GreenTree you can:

- => Help to promote sustainable agriculture.
- => Invest in and strengthen your local economy.
- => Support a stable market for local farmers and producers.
- => Have greater product awareness and fair practice accountability.
- => Access ongoing education regarding your food system including in-store product information, and the GreenTree Blog.
- => Voice your opinion and affect change at the Board of Directors meetings.

Join us in supporting a sustainable, democratically controlled, economically fair form of business ownership!

Ask what the Co-op can do for you!

Discounts!

- => 10% Discount on the first Saturday of every month.
- => 10% discount on special ordered non-sale products in case quantities.
- => 5% discount on special ordered cases of sale items.
- => 5% off your sale at time of sign up.
- => Monthly 20%+ Owner Deals Sales.
- => Exclusive offers from our Community Partners.

(e)Mail!

- => Co+op Deals coupons sent straight to your mailbox.
- => Receive Co-op updates via email.

And so much more!

- => Get invited to Owner events, open meetings, and the Annual Owner Meeting and Potluck.
- => You could run for a position on the Board of Directors.
- => Pre-pay Charge Account – All Owners may deposit funds with the Co-op and charge purchases against their balance.
- => Vote to elect the Board of Directors and on changes to the bylaws.

