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

8th Principle:
Diversity, Equity, Inculsion

GreenTree's Ends Policies:

GreenTree Co-op Market exists so that there is a healthy community exemplifying Cooperative Principles & Values.

1. People have access to food and products that meet their health needs, including organic, non-GMO, locally-produced, and responsibly-sourced.

2. Our Owners have the opportunity to participate in a democratic process.

3. Our community benefits from GreenTree being an exemplary employer.

4. We have a strong local economy.

5. Our community is educated.

6. Our environment is positively impacted.

(We sell groceries too!)

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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. Rebates 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!

Be in the know!

- Receive Co-op updates via email.
- Get invited to Owner events, monthly Board of Directors meetings, and the Annual Owner Meeting.
- 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.

Savings!

- Daily 1% rebate on all of your purchases, every day!
- 10% discount on special ordered products in case quantities - even if they're already on sale!
- 10% off your sale at time of sign up.
- Exclusive offers from our many Community Partners.

