



# GREAT RIVER CO-OP

"Nourishing Our Community"

## Membership Information

*It's easy to join the Great River Co-op!*

To join online, go to: [www.greatriverfoodcoop.com](http://www.greatriverfoodcoop.com)  
and click on 'Become A Member'

or

Fill out the form below and send it, along with a check to:  
Great River Co-op, P.O. Box 805, Walpole, NH 03608

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other Adults in your household \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Shares at \$25 per share**

**Please Note:** A household (meaning a couple, or single parent and their minor children) can purchase one (1) MEMBER share and will be entitled to any discounts offered at the store without purchasing additional shares. However, a household or individual must have a total of four (4) shares to become a *VOTING MEMBER*. You may purchase up to 80 shares (\$2000 worth) but there are no additional benefits or increase in potential Patronage Dividends for owning more than four (4) shares.

You can also purchase shares as a gift! Please enter the information below.  
Acknowledgment will be sent to both you and the recipient.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Shares at \$25 per share**

**Total Amount Enclosed for all Shares purchased: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. GREAT RIVER CO-OP is currently in the developmental phase. While the store site has been selected, architectural design & engineering are underway and all the necessary legal documents have been filed establishing the Cooperative, the physical store is not currently completed. We will keep all MEMBERS updated as to the progress of the CO-OP leading up to the eventual store opening date via this web site and email newsletters.
2. All monies raised through the sale of member shares will be used to help with the start-up & operational costs of the store. This includes, but is not limited to a feasibility study to size the store and develop appropriate product mix, store fit-out, marketing & advertising. If the Co-op does not open and the organization is dissolved, any remaining member contributions would be returned to those who purchased shares.
3. Please be advised that, by becoming a MEMBER of the Cooperative, you are consenting, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, to the following:

*That the amount of any distributions to you from the Cooperative with respect to your patronage occurring after receiving this notice and a copy of the Cooperative's bylaw which are made in the form of "Written Notices of Allocation" (as defined in 36 USC S 1388) will be taken into account by you at their stated dollar amounts in the manner provided in 36 USC S 1385 (A) in the taxable year in which such Written Notices of Allocations are received by you.*

## MEMBER BENEFITS

Great River Co-op can offer an ever-expanding list of benefits to its members, including:

- A discount on purchases
- Patronage Dividends
- Voting Members elect the Board of Directors who hire and oversee the store management team
- The ability to run for a seat on the Board of Directors

In the future, as many other co-op's have done, additional member benefits can be added as the Board of Directors sees fit and feasible. Some examples of added benefits that other area co-op's offer are:

- Use of Common Areas for community organizations
- Discounted group plans for insurances
- Discounted or free educational seminars sponsored by the Co-op