

Putney Co-op Membership Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ I'm enclosing \$75 per person
for a new membership.

_____ I'm enclosing \$50 per person
to bring an existing membership
in line with current rates.

_____ I'm enclosing \$ _____
as a gift to help keep the
Putney Food Co-op alive and well.

Please mail checks to:

The Putney Food Co-op
P.O. Box 730
Putney, VT 05346

You also can stop in and pay any cashier.



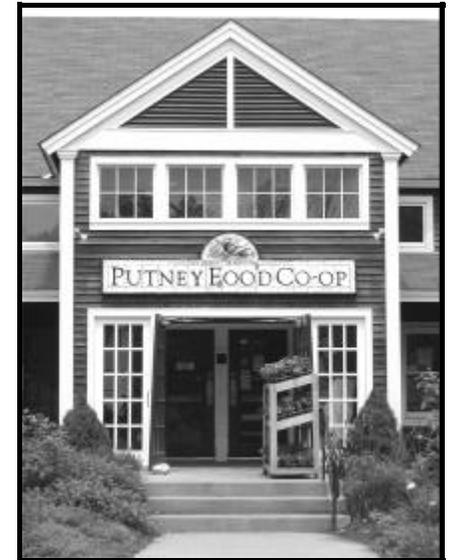
Membership Brochure

Location
Main Street, Putney

Store Hours
Monday–Saturday 7:30am–8:00pm
Sunday 8:00am–8:00pm

Salad bar and hot food are ready at 11am.

Mailing Address
The Putney Food Co-op
P.O. Box 730
Putney, VT 05346
(802) 387-5866



Mission Statement

The mission of the Cooperative shall be:

- (a) Generally, to promote the welfare of its members by utilizing their united funds and efforts for the acquisition and distribution of food and other products, and for the performance of related services.
- (b) Specifically, to operate a local market place that emphasizes product quality, customer satisfaction, and a healthy working environment, with a focus on natural foods and a respect for the environment.

“The Putney Co-op is dedicated to a valuable way of doing business, and it’s loads of fun shopping there.”

—the late Carol Brown, founding member, purchased first share in 1944

What is a Consumers Cooperative?

A cooperative is an association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise. Cooperatives are guided by the following principles:

Voluntary and Open Membership—Anyone can join without gender, social, racial, political, or religious discrimination.

Democratic Member Control—Members actively participate in setting policies and making decisions through a democratically elected board of directors. Members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote).

Member Economic Participation—Members receive discounts.

Education, Training, and Information—Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives—Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional, and international structures.

Concern for the Community—While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.



What Does Membership Mean?

To become a member of the Co-op, you must purchase shares of Co-op stock. This one-time purchase gives you a membership. Any cashier can sign you up. It's quick and easy.

If you leave the area or decide you no longer want to be a member, you can redeem your shares for their original cash value. To ensure the financial stability of the Co-op, redemption of shares may be delayed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Who Can Join the Co-op?

Co-op membership is open to any individual; institutions and organizations are not eligible for membership. Two or more adults in a household must both be members to receive membership benefits. Although people of any age can be members, you must be at least 18 years of age to vote at membership meetings.

Suggestion Box

We welcome your comments and suggestions about our customer service, product lines, current practices, and future planning. If you have a thought or comment you'd like to share, jot it down and drop it in the suggestion box, talk to a staff member, or become a member and attend board meetings.

Are There Any Requirements?

Members of the Putney Food Co-op do not have to fulfill work obligations. Full membership rights are granted with the purchase of Co-op shares.

Membership Benefits

You don't have to be a member of the Co-op to shop at the Co-op, but members receive these additional benefits:

- ◆ 10% off on the 10th of each month
- ◆ Special month-long sale prices on selected merchandise
- ◆ Voting privileges at membership meetings
- ◆ 10% discount on pre-orders of bulk or full-case items
- ◆ Support of a socially responsible local business where your shopping dollars benefit the community
- ◆ 2% discount on purchases at the Brattleboro Food Co-op and reciprocal benefits at most food co-ops nationwide

Monthly Board Meetings

The Putney Co-op Board of Directors currently meets at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month at Putney Central School. All Co-op members are invited to attend.

The annual membership meeting takes place each fall. A notice of the date, time, and place is posted at the front of the store.