

HOW TO BECOME AN OWNER

Becoming an owner of Green Top Grocery is easy!

Ownership is a one-time purchase of \$200. Your ownership investment in the co-op is what makes Green Top Grocery community-owned! It provides working capital and is not a fee or dues, but is actually shares of Green Top Grocery.

What application process works best for you?

- **In Store:** Simply let the cashier know when you're checking out that you'd like to become an owner
- **Online:** Visit greentopgrocery.com, click on "become an owner" and complete the online form
- **Print and send:** Download the application from our site and mail it to Green Top Grocery 921 E. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61701

We realize a single \$200 payment may not be possible for everyone so we offer a few payment options.

Installment Option

- **10-Month Subscription Plan:** Down payment of \$30, plus 9 monthly payments of \$20 each (total payment of \$200, plus \$10 administrative fee)

Financial Accessibility Options

- **20-Month Subsidized Plan:** \$5 per month for 20 months (total payment of \$100, plus Financial Assistance funds of \$100)
- **Deferred Payment Plan:** One-time payment of \$20. The remaining equity payments will be paid out of your future patronage dividends until the full \$200 is reached.

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Green Top Grocery is a community-owned and operated grocery store in Bloomington-Normal. This food cooperative is operated for the benefits of its owners, to meet their mutual needs and values, and those of the surrounding community.

OUR MISSION

Green Top Grocery is a cooperatively owned business that cultivates personal, environmental, and economic well-being through a commitment to ethical business practices, financial accessibility, fair wages, community education, and the support of local and sustainable farmers and producers.



THE STORE



One of the great things about being an owner at Green Top Grocery is that you get to provide input on important decisions. We surveyed our owners and found their priorities were: access to multiple forms of transportation, ample parking, and to be located in a food desert.

In May 2015, Green Top Grocery announced the site of our storefront at 921 E. Washington St., Bloomington. The 10,000 square foot store, open in May 2017, provides customers with a wide variety of healthy food options, many produced by local farmers who are also Green Top Grocery owners!

Benefits of Ownership

- You get to vote on issues that matter
- Bring real, positive change to our community
- Support local farms, food artisans, and natural food systems
- Owner socials, events, and discounts
- Unique educational opportunities and resources
- Promotion of local business
- Opportunity to join a committee or our Board of Directors
- You own a grocery store!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can shop at the co-op?

Anyone can shop at the co-op! You don't have to be an owner to shop at Green Top, but we hope you will become an owner.

What does Green Top sell?

Green Top Grocery offers a full range of organic and sustainably raised produce year-round, in addition to the typical departments you'd expect to find in a grocery store: dairy, meat, bulk foods, grocery, wine and beer, home cleaning, and personal care products. In addition, there is a 'grab-n-go' prepared foods section and an eat-in deli with a salad bar.

Why do we need another grocery store in town?

Co-ops such as Green Top Grocery provide tremendous economic benefits for our community. Green Top provides good paying jobs while supporting a large number of local producers and suppliers. The co-op also is a community space offering cooking classes and education about healthy food. When you shop at the co-op, more of your money is re-invested in our community than when that same money is spent at a traditional grocery store.

"Green Top Grocery has, from the beginning, been one of the most focused and business smart food co-op startup efforts we've seen in the U.S. They are one to watch, with all the attributes of startups that get their stores open and go on to years of growth, community impact, and success."

— Jacqueline Hannah, Development Specialist
from the national Food Co-op Initiative