Co-op Housing in Ottawa

Information package for applicants

From the outside, a housing co-op looks like any other apartment building or townhouse development. But a housing co-op is different – here is how:

**Owned by members:**
The residents of a housing co-op are members of the co-operative corporation that owns the property. The co-op provides a unit to a member household. Members do not own their own units.

**Controlled by members:**
Co-op living appeals to people who want a safe place to live and who enjoy playing an active part in maintaining the quality of life in their community. All members have an equal say in how major decisions are made – “one member, one vote”.

Members come together at meetings to elect their board of directors, to approve the annual budget and approve co-op rules (by-laws). Some members also work on committees to help with the work involved in running the co-op. Most co-ops also hire staff who look after the day-to-day business of the co-op.

**Community:**
Many co-op members are actively involved in their co-op community. Co-op members give their time to serve on the Board of Directors, or a committee, and contribute to make their community thrive. Whether members help with the spring cleanup, plan events for the children in the co-op, or attend a workshop to learn more about co-op living, what makes co-ops great is knowing our neighbours and working together to keep our communities happy and safe.
Who can live in a housing co-op?
Anyone can apply to live in a housing co-op. People of all backgrounds live in co-ops. Co-ops are home to all kinds of life circumstances and to people with special needs. Some co-ops house specific groups such as seniors or francophones. There is no minimum or maximum income level for most co-ops.

How much does it cost?
Each household pays a monthly charge—like rent— to cover the costs of operating the co-op. In each co-op, some members will pay a market housing charge. This is often comparable to what the members would pay for a similar, private rental unit in the same neighbourhood. Some members pay a subsidized housing charge (rent-geared-to-income). It is based on income and amounts to about 30% of the household’s gross monthly income.

How do I apply?
First you must decide which co-op you wish to apply to. Since every co-op is independent, you then contact each co-op separately and find out about their application process. You can check for current vacancies in housing co-ops on-line at www.chaseo.coop, under “Co-op Vacancies”. If you are looking for rent-geared-to-income housing, you will apply to the Social Housing Registry for some co-ops. These co-ops are identified by a ★ in the attached list. You will be on the waiting list for the co-ops you choose on the Registry’s application form. These co-ops will then contact you when they are ready to take the next steps in your application.

Many housing co-ops hold regular information meetings where you can find out more about the co-op, ask questions and pick up an application form. Each housing co-op has its own application form. The membership criteria are similar for each co-op. Co-ops will assess your application based on their criteria. They could be, for example:

- Financial responsibility (for example, history of paying rent on time);
- Interest in co-op living and democratic participation.

Once you have filled out an application form, you may be invited to an interview where members of the co-op discuss the rights and responsibilities of living in a co-op. The co-op will then let you know if you have been accepted, based on the co-op’s member criteria. If there is no waiting list and the co-op has a vacancy, you may be offered housing. Otherwise, your name will be added to the waiting list and you will be contacted when a unit becomes available.

Is there an appeal process?
Yes, each co-op has its own policy regarding what decisions you may appeal and how the appeal process works.

What happens when I leave a co-op?
Each co-op has its own policy about how much notice you will need to give before you leave. Your unit is inspected for wear and damage. Your damage deposit is refunded to you according to the by-laws of the co-op after you leave.
List of Housing Co-ops in Ottawa

To apply to a co-op, you must contact the co-ops by phone, by mail or by email. For some coops, if you are looking for rent-gearred-to-income housing, you will apply to the Social Housing Registry (tel: 613-526-2088). These co-ops are identified in this list using a star (★). Once you’ve decided where in Ottawa you would like to live, and what type of unit you need, contact the co-op to find out about their member criteria and availability. Each co-op is different, they will be happy to explain their co-op’s member selection process to you.

Remember: each co-op has its own application process.

**Ottawa Centre**
Abiwin Co-op
299 Somerset Street West
Ottawa ON K2P 2L3
Tel: (613) 233-1927
Email: abiwin@rogers.com
Units: 90, apartments
► Bilingual Community
Accessible units: 14

**Alex Laidlaw Co-op**
190 Booth Street, Unit 2A
Ottawa ON K1R 7J4
Units: 36, townhouses
Apply by mail

**Cartier Square Co-op**
456 Cooper Street
Ottawa ON K2P 2N1
Tel: (613) 236-5186
Email: cartiersquare@ncf.ca
Units: 67, apartments
Accessible units: 3

**Catalpa Co-op**
104 - 108 The Driveway
Ottawa ON K2P 1E5
Units: 9, apartments
Apply by mail

**Conservation Co-op**
140 Mann Avenue
Ottawa ON K1N 1E5
Tel: (613) 567-7281
Email: cchi@bellnet.ca
Units: 84, apartments
Accessible units: 4

**Coopérative d’app. Desjardins**
100 Empress Avenue
Ottawa ON K1R 7S6
Tel: (613) 238-7543
Email: desjardinscoop@rogers.com
Units: 96, apartments
► Francophone Community
► Age 55+ Community

**Coopérative de laSalle**
4 Michel Riel Private
Ottawa ON K1N 9J5
Tel: (613) 789-1696
Email: coopdelasalle@bellnet.ca
Units: 84, townhouses
► Francophone Community

**Coopérative Voisins**
440 Wiggins Private
Ottawa ON K1N 1A7
Tel: (613) 565-0284
Email: coopvoisins@rogers.com
Units: 76, apartments
Accessible units: 4
► Bilingual community

**Dalhousie Co-op**
755 Somerset Street West
Ottawa ON K1R 6R1
Tel: (613) 234-5500
Email: office@dalhousiecoop.ca
Units: 90, townhouses & apartments
Accessible units: 2

**Glebe Co-op**
P.O. Box 4427, Station E
Ottawa ON K1S 5B2
Units: 5 townhouses & apartments
Apply by mail

**Sandy Hill Co-op**
701-E King Edward Avenue
Ottawa ON K1N 7N9
Tel: (613) 234-4554
Email: office@sandyhill.coop
Units: 62, stacked townhouses
Accessible units: 3
► Bilingual Community

**Shefford Heritage Co-op**
300 Cooper Street
Ottawa ON K2P 0G7
Tel: (613) 230-8407
Email: sheffordcoop@rogers.com
Units: 37, apartments
Units: 41, apartments

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**What is CHASEO?** Many housing co-ops are members of the Co-operative Housing Association of Eastern Ontario (CHASEO). The Association acts as a united voice for housing co-ops in Eastern Ontario. CHASEO doesn’t provide housing, nor take complaints. It does provide resources and education services to its members. You can get more information by checking out our website:

[www.chaseo.coop](http://www.chaseo.coop)
St. Georges Co-op
10 Henderson Avenue
Ottawa ON K1N 7P1
Tel: (613) 565-0105
Email: coordinatorgeorges@rogers.com
Units: 69, townhouses & apartments
Accessible units: 5
► Bilingual Community

Ottawa East

Better Living Co-op
13 - 1350 Ogilvie Road
Gloucester ON K1J 9J6
Email: betterlivingcoop@bellnet.ca
Tel: (613) 748-1062
Units: 50, stacked townhouses
Accessible units: 2

Coopérative Desloges
100-10 Desloges Private
Ottawa ON K1K 4P3
Tel: (613) 745-8553
Email: info@glennhaddrell.ca
Units: 125, townhouses & apartments
Accessible units: 14
► Francophone Community

Daly Co-op
100 - 2410 Southvale Crescent
Ottawa ON K1B 5K2
Tel: (613) 736-1058
Email: dalyco-op@bellnet.ca
Units: 88, apartments
Accessible units: 88

Elmvale Co-op
60 Dellington Private
Ottawa ON K1G 5T1
Tel: (613) 739-0953
Email: elmvalecoop@bellnet.ca
Units: 37 townhouses & apartments
Accessible units: 9

Glenn Haddrell Co-op
209 Provender Avenue
Ottawa ON K1K 4N8
Tel: (613) 748-6595
Email: info@glennhaddrell.ca
Units: 85, stacked townhouses
Accessible units: 6

Yule Manor Co-op
100 - 10 Claremont Drive
Ottawa ON K1K 4J5
Tel: (613) 746-2260
Email: yulemanor@rogers.com
Units: 96, stacked townhouses
Accessible units: 6

Ottawa West

Andy Andras Co-op
1435 Larose Avenue
Ottawa ON K1Z 7X9
Tel: (613) 722-7771
Email: andyandrascoop@rogers.com
Units: 43, apartments
Accessible units: 1
► Age 55+ Community

Dovercourt Co-op
25 Molenaar Private
Ottawa ON K1Z 8R5
Tel: (613) 722-7940
Email: dhcmembership@gmail.com
Units: 40, townhouses
Accessible units: 3

Westboro Co-op
1 - 581 Tweedsmuir Avenue
Ottawa ON K1Z 5P1
Tel: (613) 722-3077
Email: info@westborohousingcoop.org
Units: 40, townhouses & apartments

Ottawa South

Alliance Co-op
131 Firewood Private
Ottawa ON K1R 7J4
Tel: (613) 521-3605
Email: alliance741@hotmail.com
Units: 100, garden homes
Accessible units: 5

Cardinus Co-op
141Twyford Street
Ottawa ON K1V 0W4
Tel: (613) 738-0820
Email: alliance741@hotmail.com
Units: 78, apartments
Accessible units: 21

Carillon Co-op
314 - 1601 Prince of Wales Drive
Ottawa ON K2C 3P8
Tel: (613) 225-1133
Email: committee003@hotmail.com
Units: 54, garden homes

Carpenter Co-op
92-181 Forestglade Crescent
Ottawa ON K1G 5Z5
Tel: (613) 738-2286
Email: carpentercoop@rogers.com
Units: 84, townhouses
Accessible units: 25

Coady Co-op
47-3099 Uplands Drive
Ottawa ON K1V 9T6
Tel: (613) 737-4235
Email: coady.co-op@bellnet.ca
Units: 74, townhouses
Accessible units: 5

Coopérative LaFontaine
2843 Chemin des Mésanges
Gloucester ON K1T 2C7
Tel: (613) 737-5353
Email: cooplafontaine@bellnet.ca
Units: 70, townhouses
► Francophone Community
Fairlea Park Co-op
3019 Fairlea Crescent
Ottawa ON K1V 0N8
Tel: (613) 526-3920
Email: fpcohoffice@gmail.com
Units: 93, townhouses
Accessible units: 5

McLean Co-op
#100 - 343 Parkin Circle
Ottawa ON K1T 0C9
Tel: (613) 738-5111
Email: info@mcleancoop.com
Units: 62, townhouses and apartments
Accessible units: 3

Quarry Co-op
63-3275 McCarthy Road
Ottawa ON K1V 9M8
Tel: (613) 523-1890
Email: quarry.coop@gmail.com
Units: 244, townhouses

Sawmill Creek Co-op
1828 Sawmill Creek
Gloucester ON K1T 2E6
Tel: (613) 860-0714
Email: sawmillcreekinfo@gmail.com
Units: 30, townhouses
Accessible units: 2

Sequoia Co-op
34 - 101 Twyford Street
Ottawa ON K1V 0V4
Tel: (613) 738-7435
Email: sequoiacoop@rogers.com
Units: 59, stacked townhouses

Tannenhof Co-op
131 Twyford Street
Ottawa ON K1V 0W5
Tel: (613) 738-9499
Email: tancoop@rogers.com
Units: 74, apartments
Accessible units: 4
★ Age 55+ Community

Wingale Co-op
515 Wingale Private
Ottawa ON K1T 2H3
Tel: (613) 733-5802
Email: wingaleoffice@rogers.com
Units: 50, townhouses
Accessible units: 2

Kanata

Blue Heron Co-op
750 March Road
Kanata ON K2K 2W4
Tel: (613) 254-7492
Email: blueheroncoop@bellnet.ca
Units: 83, apartments, townhouses

★ Dobbin Co-op
2 Dobbin Lane
Kanata ON K2M 2J5
Tel: (613) 592-7973
Email: dobbin.coop@on.aibn.com
Units: 47, townhouses
Accessible units: 3

★ Eagleson Co-op
485 Eagleson Road
Kanata ON K1M 1H3
Tel: (613) 592-7053
Email: eaglesoncoop@rogers.com
Units: 45, apartments
Accessible units: 12

★ Kanata Co-op Homes
100-1010 Teron Road
Kanata ON K2K 2W4
Tel: (613) 592-1405
Email: kanatacoop@yahoo.ca
Units: 86, townhouses & apartments
Accessible units: 4

★ Lao Village Co-op
10 Bridgestone
Kanata ON K2M 2P4
Tel: (613) 599-8190
Email: lavillagecoop@rogers.com
Units: 85, townhouses

Accessible units: 4

Ottawa

Ideal Village Co-op
1176 Orleans Blvd.
Orleans ON K1C 2W1
Tel: (613) 837-4720
Email: idealvillage@rogers.com
Units: 70, townhouses

Nepean

Eileen Tallman Co-op
109-850 Seyton Drive
Nepean ON K2H 9G7
Tel: (613) 596-3068
Email: eileentallmancoop@bellnet.ca
Units: 56, townhouses & apartments
Accessible units: 3

Quality Living Co-op
3A Europa Private
Nepean ON K2E 7R5
Tel: (613) 226-3406
Email: qualitylivinghousing@bellnet.ca
Units: 101, garden homes
Accessible units: 3

Vanier

Coopérative Jeanneville
32B Jeanneville Private
Vanier ON K1L 8K2
Units: 32, townhouses
Email: coopjeanneville@hotmail.com
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