



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.
- **Managed 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. Many co-ops also hire staff who look after the day-to-day business of the co-op.

- **Member involvement:** Co-op members are actively involved in running their housing community. Members are expected to volunteer their time to participate on the board of directors, on a committee, or in some other way. They do not need special skills to get involved. They can learn what they need to know from others or from workshops. Members get to know each other through participation in the co-op. This creates a sense of community and a safe place for children and adults alike.

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 also home to people with 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.

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.org, under Vacancy Report.

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 participation.

Once you have filled out an application form, you are usually 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. 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.

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.org.

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 co-ops, if you are looking for rent-geared-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 (★).

Begin by deciding where you want to live, and what type of housing best suits your needs. When you call a co-op, you may hear a message on an answering machine. It will give you the date of their next information meeting or ask you to leave your name and number. **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
♿ units: 14
→ Bilingual Community

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: jpyl@cyberus.ca
Units: 67, apartments
♿ 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
♿ units: 4

Coopérative L'Auberge

8 Desjardins Avenue
Ottawa ON K1N 5N9
Units: 10, apartments
♿ units: 10

Coopérative Parc Beausoleil

79 - 10 Heney Street
Ottawa ON K1N 5V1
Tel: (613) 789-5427
Units: 55, townhouses

Coopérative Brébeuf

3 Desjardins Avenue, Unit 20
Ottawa ON K1N 9E2
Tel: (613) 789-4992
Units: 52, townhouses

Coopérative de LaSalle

4 Michel Riel Private
Ottawa ON K1N 9J5
Tel: (613) 789-1696
Units: 84, townhouses

Coopérative d'app. Desjardins

100 Empress Avenue
Ottawa ON K1R 7S6
Tel: (613) 238-7543
Email: coopdesjardins@rogers.com
Units : 96, apartments
→ Francophone Community
→ Age 55+ Community

★ Coopérative Voisins

440 Wiggins Private
Ottawa ON K1N 1A7
Tel: (613) 565-0284
Email: voisins@eisa.com
Units: 76, apartments
♿ units: 4
Bilingual community

★ Dalhousie Co-op

755 Somerset Street West
Ottawa ON K1R 6R1
Tel: (613) 234-5500
Email:
dalhousie_co-op@rogers.com
Units: 90, townhouses & apartments
♿ units: 2

Glebe Co-op

P.O. Box 4427, Station E
Ottawa ON K1S 5B2
Units: 7, townhouses & apartments
→ Apply by mail

Sandy Hill Co-op

701-E King Edward Avenue
 Ottawa ON K1N 7N9
 Tel: (613) 234-4554
 Email: shhc@bellnet.ca
 Units: 62, stacked townhouses
 ♿ units: 3
 → Bilingual Community

★ Shefford Heritage Co-op

300 Cooper Street
 Ottawa ON K2P 0G7
 Tel: (613) 230-8407
 Email: sheff@storm.ca
 Units: 37, apartments

Sidney Towers Co-op

7 Sidney Street
 Ottawa, Ontario K1S 3L7
 Tel: (613) 236-7004
 Units: 41, apartments

★ St. Georges Co-op

10 Henderson Avenue
 Ottawa ON K1N 7P1
 Tel: (613) 565-0105
 Email: coordinatorst.georges@rogers.com
 Units: 69, townhouses & apartments
 ♿ units: 5
 → Bilingual Community

Tompkins Co-op

10 Preston Street
 Ottawa ON K1R 7W4
 Tel: (613) 238-3836
 Units: 81, townhouses & apartments
 ♿ units: 1
 → Age 50+ Community

Ottawa East**Birchwood Meadow Co-op**

1380 Ogilvie Road
 Gloucester ON K1J 9L7
 Tel: (613) 748-0980
 Units: 70, townhouses
 ♿ units: 5

★ Better Living Co-op

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

★ Coopérative Desloges

100-10 Desloges Private
 Ottawa ON K1K 4P3
 Tel: (613) 745-8553
 Email: deslogesapts@rogers.com
 Units: 125, townhouses & apartments
 ♿ 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
 ♿ units: 88

Elmvale Co-op

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

★ Glenn Haddrell Co-op

209 Provender Avenue
 Ottawa ON K1K 4N8
 Tel: (613) 748-6595
 Email: glennhaddrell@rogers.com
 Units: 85, stacked townhouses
 ♿ units: 6

★ Mario De Giovanni Co-op

520 St. Laurent Blvd., Unit 100
 Ottawa ON K1K 4N1
 Tel: (613) 746-6524
 Email: torrie@magma.ca
 Units: 123, apartments
 ♿ units: 18

★ Yule Manor Co-op

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

Ottawa West**Andy Andras Co-op**

1435 Larose Avenue
 Ottawa ON K1Z 7X9
 Tel: (613) 722-7771
 Email: andras@telecomottawa.net
 Units: 43, apartments
 ♿ units: 1
 → Age 55+ Community

Dovercourt Co-op

25 Molenaar Private
 Ottawa ON K1Z 8R5
 Tel: (613) 722-7940
 Units: 40, townhouses
 ♿ units: 3

Westboro Co-op

1 - 581 Tweedsmuir Avenue
 Ottawa ON K1Z 5P1
 Tel: (613) 722-3077
 Email: westborohousing@bellnet.ca
 Units: 40, townhouses & apartments

Ottawa South**Alliance Co-op**

131 Firewood Private
 Ottawa ON K1R 7J4
 Tel: (613) 521-3605
 Email: alliancehousingcoop@on.aibn.com
 Units: 100, garden homes
 ♿ units: 5

★ **Cardinus Co-op**

141 Twyford Street
Ottawa ON K1V 0W4
Tel: (613) 738-0820
Email: cardinus@storm.ca
Units: 78, apartments
♿ units: 21

★ **Carillon Co-op**

314 - 1601 Prince of Wales Drive
Ottawa ON K2C 3P8
Tel: (613) 225-1133
Units: 54, garden homes

★ **Carpenter Co-op**

92-181 Forestglade Crescent
Ottawa ON K1G 5Z5
Tel: (613) 738-2286
Email: carpent@travel-net.com
Units: 84, townhouses
♿ units: 25

★ **Coady Co-op**

47-3099 Uplands Drive
Ottawa ON K1V 9T6
Tel: (613) 737-4235
Units: 74, townhouses
♿ 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: fairleaco-op@rogers.com
Units: 93, townhouses
♿ units: 5

★ **Quarry Co-op**

63-3275 McCarthy Road
Ottawa ON K1V 9M8
Tel: (613) 523-1890
Email: quarrycoop@bellnet.ca
Units: 244, townhouses

★ **Sawmill Creek Co-op**

1828 Sawmill Creek
Gloucester ON K1T 2E6
Tel: (613) 860-0714
Units: 30, townhouses
♿ 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
♿ units: 4
→ Age 55+ Community

★ **Wingale Co-op**

515 Wingale Private
Ottawa ON K1T 2H3
Tel: (613) 733-5802
Email: wingalecoop@yahoo.ca
Units: 50, townhouses
♿ units: 2

Nepean

★ **Eastern Ontario Christian Seniors Co-op**

313-220 Viewmount Drive
Nepean ON K2E 7M5
Tel: (613) 225-5110
Units: 66, apartments
♿ units: 6
→ Age 55+ Community

★ **Eileen Tallman Co-op**

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

★ **Quality Living Co-op**

3A Europa Private
Nepean ON K2E 7R5
Tel: (613) 226-3406
Email: qliving@magma.ca
Units: 101, garden homes
♿ units: 3

Kanata

★ **Blue Heron Co-op**

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

★ **Castlefrank Co-op**

1 Torcastle Way
Kanata ON K2L 2Y5
Tel: (613) 836-3235
Units: 64, townhouses
♿ units: 3

★ **Dobbin Co-op**

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

★ **Eagleson Co-op**

485 Eagleson Road
Kanata ON K1M 1H3
Tel: (613) 592-7053
Email: eagleson@on.aibn.com
Units: 45, apartments
♿ units: 12

★ **Hazeldean Co-op**

28 Connelly Place
Kanata ON K2L 4C1
Tel: (613) 831-1367
Email: hazeldeancoop@rogers.com
Units: 78, townhouses
♿ units: 4

★ **Kanata Co-op Homes**

100-1010 Teron Road
Kanata ON K2K 2W4
Tel: (613) 592-1405
Email: kanatacoophomes@
on.aibn.com
Units: 86, townhouses & apartments
♿ units: 4

★ **Lao Village Co-op**

10 Bridgestone
Kanata ON K2M 2P4
Tel: (613) 599-8190
Email: bwlao@magma.ca
Units: 85, townhouses
♿ units: 4

Orleans

★ **Coopérative Coté Est**

1940 St. Joseph Blvd.
Orleans ON K1C 1E4
Tel: (613) 841-0807
Email: coopcoteest@rogers.com
Units: 84, townhouses
→ Francophone Community

Ideal Village Co-op

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

Vanier

Coopérative Jeanneville

32B Jeanneville Private
Vanier ON K1L 8K2
Units: 32, townhouses
→ Francophone Community

Coopérative Laval

126 Laval Street
Vanier ON K1L 7Z4
Units: 5, apartments
→ Francophone Community
→ Apply by mail