

# Returning Members Checklist



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Introduction

As a former member, you are familiar with the Heartwood culture, but because the community changes over time, before becoming a member again we require you to re-familiarize yourself with the community and get up to speed on the changes that have happened since you left. We want you to once again fully study and consider the prospect of living in Heartwood Cohousing and decide for yourself if you will be a good member of the community and if the community will be good for you. This Returning Member Checklist is intended to ensure that you have done that.

If you left Heartwood over 2 years ago, you must complete this Returning Member Checklist to once again become a member. If you left Heartwood less than 2 years ago, no checklist is required. In either case, you must own a home or lot or be a renter at Heartwood to be a member.

Please fill in this checklist as you complete the various requirements. One checklist is required per adult in the household. You must complete the checklist in good faith and submit it to the Membership Team. Once they've reviewed it and found it to be complete, you will once again become a member of Heartwood Cohousing. The Membership team may decide to waive or modify certain requirements due to extenuating circumstances as long as you have given full and careful consideration to becoming a member.

## Participation

1) Subscribe to Heartwood email chat. To subscribe, send a blank email message to [chat-heartwoodmembers+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:chat-heartwoodmembers+subscribe@googlegroups.com).

Please check off once completed: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Attend one Community Meeting as an observer.

Please list the date of the Community Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Have conversations with everyone who has become a Member since you left Heartwood (up to 8 maximum). Please list names of members:

Member #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Member #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Member #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Member #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Member #5 \_\_\_\_\_

Member #6 \_\_\_\_\_

Member #7 \_\_\_\_\_

Member #8 \_\_\_\_\_

## Study & Consideration

1) Review all of the [Heartwood Cohousing Agreements](#) and specifically read any agreements that have been revised or community decisions that have been made since you left Heartwood. Please check off once completed:

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2) Answer the following questions and submit your responses to the Membership Team before meeting with them.

A) Why have you decided to move back to Heartwood?

B) What are your fears or concerns about living in Heartwood Cohousing?

C) What are you most looking forward to about Heartwood Cohousing? What benefits do you hope to realize by living here?

D) Participation in community activities and work are important both for community vitality and for your integration into the community. In what ways can you imagine yourself participating?

E) What is your response to agreements that have been revised and the community decisions that have been made since

you left!

To submit your responses, please email them to a member of the Membership Team. Please check off once completed:

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3) Meet with the Membership Team to discuss membership and your responses to the proceeding questions. Please indicate date of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration of Agreement & Commitment

Read the following declaration and sign below.

I have thoroughly familiarized myself with the Heartwood Cohousing Book of Agreements. I understand that in the future the community may consider it appropriate to modify some of the Agreements, but at this time I fully endorse them and agree to abide by them. Furthermore, I commit to actively participate in community life and work on the advancement of Heartwood Cohousing.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Team Review

Within one week of receiving this checklist, the Membership team will review all requirements for completion and inform the returning member of the outcome. Please note any requirements waived or modified or other comments.

The returning member currently (check off one of the following):

\_\_\_\_\_ Owns a home and/or lot at Heartwood.

\_\_\_\_\_ Rents a home at Heartwood.

(If the returning member does not yet own or rent at Heartwood, this otherwise completed checklist will be held on file until that happens, at which time the returning member will become a member. The checklist will be held on file for up to one year. After that time, the returning member must complete the checklist again before becoming eligible for membership.)

I have reviewed this checklist and have found it to be complete.

Sign and date. \_\_\_\_\_