



# THE COOP Spoonful

A bimonthly publication for members of the Olympia Food Co-op and its surrounding communities

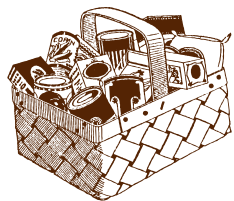
Jan. 22 - Feb. 4, 2020

**WESTSIDE GARDEN CENTER REOPENS FEB. 1ST!**

## Local Savings Logo Ware



Save \$.50 on any Olympia Food Co-op logo ware product including hoodies, t-shirts, baseball caps, shopping bags, water bottles, pride stickers, and bumper stickers!! ■



## Dear Pet Owner

We honor and respect your bond with your animals. As a licensed food establishment, Olympia Food Co-op is required to follow all applicable health codes. It is currently a violation of the Washington State Health Code (WAC 246-215-06570) for a pet to enter any food establishment, including a grocery store.

The Washington State Department of Health (WSDOH) does allow a service animal to enter a food establishment, as required by RCW 49.60.218. Under current state law, a service animal is defined as an animal (dog or miniature horse) that is trained for the purpose of assisting or accommodating an individual with a disability.

The Co-op Staff are legally allowed to ask the following questions to shoppers who bring animals into the stores:

1. Is the animal required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?

A pet, which is being utilized as an emotional support animal for individuals with or without a diagnosis, is not yet considered to be a service animal for the purpose of entering a food establishment. We recognize there is confusion due to these animals now being protected under fair housing laws.

Falsely claiming a pet is a service animal

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CO-OP LOCAL  
COUPON

50¢  
OFF



Good for 50¢ off  
any Olympia Food Co-op  
Logo Item

Limit one per transaction

Valid thru Feb. 4, 2020





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increases discrimination against those who depend on their trained service animals to perform tasks necessary for daily living. It also endangers customers who fear dogs and horses, and those who have debilitating allergies. The fine for falsely claiming a pet as a service animal for the purpose of entering a food establishment is \$500.

We thank you for helping us comply with the WA State Health Code, Olympia Food Co-op Staff ■

## Changes to Mate Product Lines at the Westside Co-op

The Grocery Department at the Westside location will be discontinuing Guayaki Mate. The minimums for the order from the new distributor are too big for us. We have Clean Cause Yerba Mate <https://cleancause.com>



We also brought in the Yachak mate <https://yachak.com/> We feel a bit conflicted about the Yachak products as they have a name that means "shaman" in the language of the indigenous people where they harvest the mate. They also provide 3000 Fair Trade jobs in Brazil. Please pass your thoughts on these decisions to [grocerywest@olympiafood.coop](mailto:grocerywest@olympiafood.coop). ■

## Eastside Rustic Breads from Baker Potter

The Eastside store is now carrying breads from a new local bakery called Baker Potter! They use grains sourced from WA state and wild yeast. The bread is baked in wood-fired ovens. The two varieties we carry currently are the Dark Northern Rye bread and the Methow Red. These rustic loaves retail for \$8.29 and are delivered only on Saturdays! ■



*Baker Potter Rustic Breads, Saturdays at the Eastside Store*

## Garden Center Shifts for Working Members

Do you have gardening experience? Want to earn discounts on groceries and connect with your community? Co-op Garden Managers are now recruiting Working Member Cashiers to help out at the Westside Garden Center!

Garden Center will be open the following hours for 2020:

February:  
Thursday - Monday 11 am - 6 pm

March thru August:  
Thursday - Monday 11 am - 7 pm

Sept:  
Thursday - Monday 11 am - 6 pm

Oct thru Dec 24:  
Weekends Only 11 am - 6 pm

Contact [workingmembercat@olympiafood.coop](mailto:workingmembercat@olympiafood.coop) ■

