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COSTCO OPENS IN AVON FRIDAY, OCT. 29

AVON, Ind. – Costco will open a membership warehouse in Avon Friday, Oct. 29, at 8 a.m. The 151,000-square-foot warehouse is located at 8816 Dr. Charles Nelson Drive, on the corner of North County Road 900 East and U.S. Highway 36.

Previously, residents of the area had to drive approximately 21 miles northeast to Fortune Park or 23 miles southeast to South Indianapolis to shop at Costco.

“We are thrilled to be bringing Costco’s low warehouse prices to the residents of greater Avon,” said Warehouse Manager Mike Donaldson. “They have been asking us to open here for a long time, and we already have made an impact on the local job market. We look forward to contributing to the community in many ways.”

Like other Costco locations, the Avon warehouse will offer quality, brand-name and private-label merchandise at incredible values. Costco helps businesses save money on supplies and on items for resale, plus provides a wide range of products and services for personal use.

The Avon Costco location will feature a variety of convenient specialty departments, including a Gas Station, Fresh Bakery, Fresh Meat, Fresh Produce, Fresh Deli with Rotisserie Chicken, Optical Department with Independent Doctor of Optometry, Pharmacy, Tire Center, Hearing Aid Center, Food Court, and Beer, Liquor, and Fine Wine. Members also can save on Costco Services such as Travel and Auto Buying.

This warehouse will be the 8th Costco location in Indiana, 568th in the U.S. and 820th worldwide. Costco has 111 million cardholders throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, England, Scotland, Wales, Spain, France, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, China, Australia and Iceland.

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Costco’s home office is located in Issaquah, Wash. The company is publicly traded on the NASDAQ under the symbol COST.

For more information about Costco, please visit Costco.com, Costco Travel, the Costco Story Brochure, *Costco Connection* or the *Costco Services* guide. To receive a Costco logo request form, email LogoRequest@costco.com. To request photos to use with this story or to film at our new location, email MediaRequest@costco.com for a request form.

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Costco Background

Costco Wholesale Corporation operates an international chain of Costco membership warehouses that carry quality, brand-name and related private-label merchandise at substantially lower prices than are typically found at conventional wholesale or retail sources. The warehouses are designed to help small- to medium-size businesses reduce costs in purchasing for resale and for everyday business use. Qualified individuals also are allowed to purchase for personal use.

Costco currently operates 820 warehouses: 568 in the United States, 105 in Canada, 39 in Mexico, 25 in England, three in Scotland, one in Wales, three in Spain, one in France, 16 in South Korea, 14 in Taiwan, 30 in Japan, one in China, 12 in Australia and one in Iceland. Costco also operates an electronic commerce website at Costco.com.

“We continue to grow nationally and globally because our members have enthusiastically embraced our unique model of retailing,” said Costco President and CEO Craig Jelinek.

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Costco warehouses present one of the largest and most exclusive product category selections to be found under a single roof. Categories include groceries, candy, appliances, television and audio equipment, automotive supplies, tires, toys, hardware, sporting goods, jewelry, watches, cameras, books, housewares, apparel, health and beauty aids, furniture, office supplies and office equipment. Costco carries top-quality national and regional brands, with 100% satisfaction guaranteed to its members, at prices consistently below traditional wholesale or retail outlets.

Costco also features a fine line of quality products under its own Kirkland Signature™ private label. The company takes great care to select products such as housewares, luggage, pet food, bedding, diapers, wipes, infant formula, apparel, coffee, wine and snacks, as well as a large selection of fresh meat, dairy, deli products, fresh and frozen foods, and baked goods.

The company also has self-service gasoline stations at many of its U.S. locations. Kirkland Signature Gasoline has been certified to meet TOPTIER™ performance standards, and is available in both regular unleaded and premium grades. Many locations also sell diesel.

Additionally, Costco Industries, a division of the company, operates manufacturing businesses, including special food packaging, optical laboratories and meat processing. These businesses have a common goal of providing members with high-quality products at dramatically lower prices.

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According to Jelinek, “A typical retailer has more frills and operating costs that drive the prices higher. We operate simple buildings, streamline our product delivery, pay fair wages to limit turnover, and in general keep a tight rein on our overhead so as to offer incredible savings on our products and services.”

Costco is open only to Costco members and offers three types of membership: Executive, Business and Gold Star. Executive Members are offered additional savings on services such as auto and home insurance, Costco Auto Program, check printing, identity protection, and payment processing. Executive Members in the U.S. can earn an annual 2% Reward of up to \$1,000 on qualified Costco and Costco Travel purchases. Terms, conditions and exclusions apply. All types of membership include one free Household Card. Costco membership cards are accepted at all Costco locations around the world and online at Costco.com.

Business Members qualify by owning or operating a business, and pay an annual fee to shop for resale, business and personal use. This fee includes one free Household Card. Business Members may purchase additional membership cards for business partners or associates.

Costco accepts all Visa® cards, as well as cash, checks, debit/ATM cards, EBT and Costco Shop Cards. Visa is the only major credit card accepted by Costco. Costco members also may apply for the Costco Anywhere Visa® Card by Citi. The cards, available for consumers or businesses, act both as Costco membership cards and no-fee Visa cards, and can be used to earn cash back anywhere Visa is accepted.

Individuals who don't own a business may sign up for a Gold Star Membership. Gold Star Members pay an annual fee to shop for personal use. This fee includes one free Household Card.

Costco warehouses generally are open seven days a week for all members.

Costco began its online presence in 1995 with an informational website and in 1998 began conducting Ecommerce at Costco.com. The website offers a wide selection of brand-name merchandise and services, including a Business Center. Some of the product categories include computers, electronics, jewelry, appliances, furniture, travel and pharmacy.

With more than 111 million Costco cardholders and 288,070 employees worldwide, the company's sales during the past fiscal year ended September 1, 2020, were \$163.2 billion. Costco is publicly owned, with its home office in Issaquah, Wash. Its stock is traded on the NASDAQ exchange under the symbol COST.

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Avon Fact Sheet

Opening date:

Friday, October 29, 8 a.m.

Location:

8816 Dr. Charles Nelson Drive



Warehouse manager:

Mike Donaldson

Size of warehouse:

151,000 square feet

General contractor:

Novak Construction

Number of employees:

250

**Approximate number of
different products (SKU's):**

3,800 – 4,000

Examples of national brands:

Adidas, Apple, Callaway Golf, Carter's, Champion, Disney, Dom Perignon, Eddie Bauer, General Mills, KitchenAid, Kraft, LG, Michelin, Orvis, Samsonite, Samsung, Skechers, Sony

Private label:

Kirkland Signature

Specialty departments:

Gas Station, Fresh Bakery, Fresh Meat, Fresh Produce, Fresh Deli with Rotisserie Chicken, Optical Department with Independent Doctor of Optometry, Pharmacy, Tire Center, Hearing Aid Center, Food Court, and Beer, Liquor, and Fine Wine

Warehouse hours:

10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday

Membership fees:

Executive Membership upgrade fee is an additional \$60 a year for Business or Gold Star Members (plus sales tax where applicable). Each Executive Membership includes one free Household Card and an annual 2% Reward (up to \$1,000) on qualified Costco purchases.

Business Membership is \$60 a year – includes one free Household Card (additional cards are available for \$60 each)

Gold Star Membership is \$60 a year – includes one free Household Card



Fact Sheet

Corporate name:	Costco Wholesale Corporation
Type of business:	Membership warehouse club selling top-quality hardlines, softlines, food and other goods often in bulk quantities, to businesses and individuals at low warehouse prices.
Corporate address:	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027 Phone: (425) 313-8100
Website:	Costco.com
Company contacts:	Executive Vice President and CFO Richard Galanti (425) 313-8203 Senior Vice President Membership, Marketing, Services Sandy Torrey (425) 313-6744
Warehouse sizes:	70,000- to 165,000-square-feet
Number of warehouses: (as of October 29, 2021)	820
Areas of operation:	46 U.S. states plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia; Canada, Mexico, England, Scotland, Wales, Spain, France, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, China, Australia and Iceland
Annual revenue (FY '20):	\$163.2 billion
Fiscal year-end:	Sunday closest to August 31
Number of U.S. employees:	189,200 full- and part-time
Number of employees worldwide:	288,070 full- and part-time
Number of cardholders:	111 million
Logo requests:	Email LogoRequest@costco.com for request form
Media requests:	Email MediaRequest@costco.com for request form (October 29, 2021)