

The construction site for the new Costco being built in Fort Myers is active on Oct. 15. This Costco store is being built at the intersection of Colonial Boulevard and Plantation Road, with additional frontage along Metro Parkway.
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New Fort Myers Costco starting to take shape

Site work begins on bigger store

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Earth is moving.

And when that is happening it means the countdown to something new being built can begin. In this case it's the new Costco being built in Fort Myers. The construction site at the intersection of Colonial Boulevard and Plantation Road, with additional frontage along Metro Parkway, has been very active in recent weeks.

It's very early in the site's development but eventually the 55-acre piece of property will transform into a Costco, replacing the current, overcrowded Costco 5½ miles away on Cypress Lake Drive.

Even better: This Costco will be bigger.

The new Costco is expected to be larger than the existing one on Cypress Lake Drive, with more gas pumps to accommodate the growing population. A Costco at the Gulf Coast Town Center in South Fort Myers recently doubled its gas pumps to 24.

When is the new Fort Myers Costco opening?

Costco rarely discloses opening dates this far out, and the location does not yet appear on the company's list of coming-soon sites and likely won't until sometime in 2027.

Once construction starts, it takes 110 days to build a Costco store, according to the big-box retailer's longtime architects, MG2.

Where else is Costco opening new stores in SW Florida?

Costco plans to open 28 new stores nationwide in the U.S., according to CEO Ron Vachris in a March 5 earnings call, and 30 more stores a year going forward. Some of the planned new Florida locations, in various stages of development, including one in Naples. Work has begun on that new store at the southeast corner of Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Collier Boulevard, with an opening expected this fall.

How much is a Costco membership?

Costco offers two membership levels.

- **Gold Star membership**: $65 a year, includes two cards for you and someone in your household
- **Executive membership**: $130 a year, includes two membership cards and:

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2% back on eligible purchases (up to $1,250), paid annually

Expanded shopping hours

Monthly $10 credit for orders of $150 placed through the company's "Same-Day" service or Instacart

Discounts on select services

Membership gets you access to the store, plus Costco's tire center, optical center, travel deals, pharmacy, hearing aid center, and discounted gas pumps. You can even buy pre-negotiated cars.

What can you buy at Costco?

Like similar membership warehouse chains such as Sam's Club and BJ's, Costco is famous for bulk items and wholesale prices. Costco also features an in-store bakery and meat department with a variety of bulk meat cuts and their famous rotisserie chicken, as well as produce and dairy products.

Shoppers are greeted by rows of electronics like TVs and headphones, and the store swaps in lawn furniture, sheds, and other outdoor items to match the seasons.

Fans share tips on Reddit and TikTok for the best deals on clothing, snacks, and food, and bottled water, paper towels, and toilet paper are sold in bulk from pallets.

The prices on name brands are generally lower than in regular stores, but Costco also features its own Kirkland brand of just about everything. Outside, Costco's gas pumps generally beat any regular gas station's prices.

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