**Dry Packing Foods at Home**

The Plano Stake has available for check-out several items to help with preparing storage in your own home. Each may be checked out for a week at a time. Contact Gemie Martin at 214-986-7808 or email her at: gemiemartin@gmail.com to check out the canner or sealer or for questions.

* #10 can canner
* Mylar bag sealer

You can buy food product (to dry-pack) through local markets.  **Foods with a moisture content above 10% can develop botulism if they are stored oxygen free. They should not be dry packed**. Foods high in fats or oils do not store long term and should not be dry packed. Refer to the Home Storage Centers order form to get an idea of acceptable items (i.e. Flour, rice, spaghetti, beans) and check out the “Home Storage” section at: [www.providentliving.org](http://www.providentliving.org) .

Before using the canner you will need to go to the Carrollton cannery to get the cans (with lids) and the oxygen absorption packets. **These will be available only until they sell the cans, lids and oxygen packets they have on hand.**

Oxygen absorption packets are needed to absorb the small amount of oxygen remaining when the cans/bags are sealed. If the individual packets are pliable, they are still good...if they are stiff; they have already been exposed to too much oxygen and should not be used. The center will sell you the number of oxygen absorbing packets you need and seal them up for you to keep them oxygen free or you can purchase a bag of 100 through the online store (see instructions below).

The Stake has Dry-Pack Pouches for use with the sealer for purchase at $.38 each or they can be purchased in bulk through the online store at: [www.store.lds.org](http://www.store.lds.org). Click on “Home and Family” then on “Home Storage”(under Self Reliance). Dry-Pack Pouches will hold up to one gallon of product. You will also need an oxygen absorbing packet for each bag unless the product does not call for it (for example sugar should be dry packed **without** an oxygen absorbing packet).

Winco Foods at the following locations also has Foods for Storage, bulk items, containers, and oxygen absorbing packets:

1800 North Graves Street OR: 1288 W Main St

McKinney, TX 75069 Lewisville, TX 75067

(214) 385-4770 (469) 645-1669