**Dry Packing Foods at Home**

The Plano Stake has available for check-out several items to help with preparing storage in your own home. The Stake equipment available for checkout is:

* Impulse Sealer (for Mylar pouches)
* Dry Pack Canner (for #10 cans)

Contact Gemie Martin at 214-986-7808 or email her at: gemiemartin@gmail.com to check out the canner or sealer or for answers to questions.

**The Carrollton Home Storage Center** located at: **1100 West Jackson Road in Carrollton, Texas** is operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Their **hours of operation are:** Tuesdays: 3:00-7:30 PM, Thursdays and Saturdays: 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM. It is a good idea to call them at **972-242-8597** to make sure they have what you want in stock. They sell Hard Red and Hard White Wheat in bulk in 25 lb. bags and already dry packed in # 10 cans. All other long term storage items come already dry packed in #10 cans or in the case of milk in Mylar-type pouches. They have a number of shorter term storage items such as pancake mix and Potato Pearls. To see all available products go to: [www.providentliving.org](http://www.providentliving.org) and click on the link to “Buy Food Storage.” They also have forms in Spanish. The form lists the expected shelf life of each item if stored properly (at less than 75 degrees).

Discount warehouses such as Costco and Sam’s, have some bulk products. Health food stores such as Whole Foods and Sprouts also sell product in bulk (although they tend to be a bit pricey). WinCo Foods has many bulk items, containers, and oxygen absorbing packets (no #10 cans or lids, however). Below I have listed four locations (see the web for more).

WinCo Foods:

1800 North Graves Street 1288 W Main St 1122 W Centerville Rd. 2620 N. Josey Ln.

McKinney, TX 75069 Lewisville, TX 75067 Garland, TX 75041 Carrollton, TX 75007

(214) 385-4770 (469) 645-1669 (469) 283-7040 (469) 701-6060

**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) .

The Plano Stake has gallon sized Dry-Pack Pouches for use with the impulse sealer for purchase at $.38 each while supplies last (See Gemie Martin). You will need an oxygen absorber packet for each bag unless the product does not call for it (for example sugar should NOT be dry packed with an oxygen absorbing packet). Oxygen absorber packets can be purchased in bulk through the online store at: <https://store.lds.org/usa/en/oxygen-absorber-packets-300cc>. They are $9.55 for a package of 100.

Before using the Stake’s Gering and Son dry pack canner you will need to obtain the cans (with lids) and the oxygen absorber packets. Oxygen absorber packets are needed to absorb the small amount of oxygen remaining when the cans/bags are sealed. Cans and lids are available from Rainy Day Foods for $2.49/can and lid (plus shipping and handling). Here is a link: <http://rainydayfoods.com/emergency-storage-books.html>. To download an instruction video go to: <http://geringandson.com/116601/133370.html> (scroll to the bottom to click on the video).