

# HOME STORAGE CENTER

## Purpose

Home storage centers provide food products and equipment to help Church members package food for longer-term home storage. Members purchase bulk commodities at the center—products such as beans, wheat, and rice—and then package them in #10 cans or foil pouches. They may also purchase some products that have been prepackaged in #10 cans. Home storage centers have portable can seamers and pouch sealers available for members to check out if they wish to package food at home.

Home storage centers also provide meaningful service opportunities for those desiring to serve missions or to volunteer.

## Welfare Principles

Home storage centers help Church members become prepared for adversity by having a basic supply of food. The First Presidency declared, “We encourage Church members worldwide to prepare for adversity in life by having a basic supply of food and water” (in *All Is Safely Gathered In: Family Home Storage* [2007], 1).

To help care for themselves and their families, Church members should:

- Build a three-month supply of food that is part of their normal diet.
- Store drinking water in case the water supply becomes polluted or disrupted.
- Establish a financial reserve.
- Gradually build a longer-term supply of food that will sustain life.

## Using the Home Storage Center

- Church members may come to a home storage center by themselves or in groups to package and purchase products.
- Church members use a home storage center order form to plan their packaging activities and make purchases at the center. Members can download or print a copy of the form at [www.providentliving.org](http://www.providentliving.org). Follow the links *Family Home Storage* > *Home Storage Center Order Form*. If they choose to, members can fill out the form electronically before printing it.
- Members can find the telephone number and address of the nearest home storage center at [www.providentliving.org](http://www.providentliving.org) by clicking the *Locations* link at the top of the screen.

