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Guidelines To Consider For A Food Pantry

1. Food from an approved source (Foods that are made in an inspected establishment, ie..grocery store, restaurant, commercial food plant)
2. No home canned foods
3. Meat must have USDA stamp on it
Share the Harvest deer meat OK
4. No out dated Infant Formula
5. A thermometer (0°F - 220°F in 2 degree increments)
6. Refrigerated foods stored below 41°F
7. Frozen foods stored below 0°
8. A thermometer in all cooling equipment
9. No cans with heavy dents on the seams
10. All shelving sealed
11. No food stored under sewage lines (includes under sinks)
12. Date mark foods (Use first in, first out)
13. Food supplies stored 6 inches above the floor
14. Any uncut raw fruits or vegetables are OK
15. No chemicals on or above food on shelving
16. Free of insects and rodents

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