Overview

Smith Food Storage is a simple website split into 3 key parts. The purpose is to help you keep track of the food that you buy with a special focus on food storage and being prepared. The first: Add Food is a place where you can enter in the food you buy, along with other important details. The second page: My Storage will be a place where you can see a list of the items that you have added which can easily be updated and adjusted. Third: Tools is a place where you can put in an amount of days and it will tell you what expires in that range.

Inspiration

A couple weeks ago, I got a notification on my phone that a water main had broken and, in an attempt, to repair it the water was contaminated. As a college student I realized that I was completely unprepared for this. Thankfully the problem was resolved quickly, but in that moment, I realized that food storage is not about waiting until you have enough money because disasters often occur when we least expect them. The key to food storage is incorporating it into your weekly shopping in simple ways. This website is designed to help you work smarter and not harder, so that when something comes your way, as rare as we hope that is, you are ready!

Getting Started

To begin, it is crucial that you come up with a disaster response plan and are aware of the disasters that are most likely to impact you. You do not need to go out and break the bank to feel secure, but we recommend that you start off by making a 3-day pack for you and anyone else in your family with essentials that will not go bad for a very long time. Every family is different so their food storage will reflect that. But at the top of the list of things to get should include water bottles, canned goods, and items with a long shelf life kept in a place when they can be accessed quickly.

**ADD FOOD**

Welcome to the Add Food page. As the name suggests, this is where you can add the food, quantity, location, price, and expiration date (if applicable) of the food/items that you buy. It is designed to be quick and easy. From here the food you add will be stored in a page titled: My Storage. There you can see all of this information organized in an easy-to-read format.

**MY STORAGE**

This is a place where you can see all of the food you added from Add Food page. There is a search bar to make it simpler, so that when an item is used up you can take it from the list. You can also order the items by which expiration dates are coming up sooner so that the food can be used up and swapped out. One huge key that helps this website to make it so simple to use is the icons in the top left corner. The logo will take you to the home page, the plus logo to the Add Food page, and the Pantry icon to My Storage page.