

Kane County Health Department

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Amy's Kitchen recalls products containing spinach due to possible listeria risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that Amy's Kitchen, Inc. of Petaluma, Calif., is voluntarily recalling approximately 73,897 cases of various products. This recall is based on a recall notice from one of Amy's organic spinach suppliers that it may have received organic spinach with the possible presence of *Listeria monocytogenes*.

There have been no reported illnesses related to these products, but they were distributed to stores nationwide. A list of the recalled products is available by clicking <u>here</u>.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, Listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The company has has notified its distributors and retailers and is taking this voluntary action as a precautionary measure. This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration.

Consumers who have any of the products identified in the chart above are urged to dispose them or return them to the store where they were purchased for an exchange or full refund. Consumers may also call Amy's at (707) 781-7535 [Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Pacific)].

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