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E. coli Outbreak Linked to Organic Walnuts

 Food Safety Alert

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Fast Facts

- Illnesses: 12
- Hospitalizations: 7
- Deaths: 0
- [States](#): 2
- Recall: Yes
- Investigation status: Active




Recalled Food

Gibson Farms, Inc. organic walnut halves and pieces

- Sold in bulk bins
- Expiration dates between May 21, 2025, and June 7, 2025
- Distributed to natural food and co-op [stores](#)  in AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, KS, LA, MT, NE, NM, NV, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA and WY
- Lot codes 3325-043 and 3341-501

Almost all sick people purchased organic walnuts from bulk bins in food co-ops or natural food stores in California and Washington.

What You Should Do

- **If you bought organic walnut halves and pieces from bulk containers, see if yours might be part of the recall.** Check your pantries, refrigerators, and freezers for walnuts. If you can't tell if it's part of the recall, it's safer not to eat them.
 - Ask the store where you purchased if recalled walnuts were sold.
 - Some stores may repackage bulk walnut halves and pieces into plastic clamshells or bags.
 - FDA has a [list of stores](#)  that may have received these walnuts.
- **Wash items and surfaces** that may have touched the walnuts using hot soapy water or a dishwasher.
- **Call your healthcare provider** if you have any of these severe *E. coli* symptoms:
 - Diarrhea and a fever higher than 102°F
 - Diarrhea for more than 3 days that is not improving
 - Bloody diarrhea
 - So much vomiting that you cannot keep liquids down
 - Signs of dehydration, such as:
 - Not peeing much
 - Dry mouth and throat
 - Feeling dizzy when standing up

What Businesses Should Do

- Check to see if you received Gibson Farms, Inc. organic walnut halves and pieces with lot codes listed above. Do not sell or serve them.
- Discard the contents of the bins and use extra care to clean and sanitize the bins before refilling.
- Wash and sanitize containers including bulk bins, surfaces, and other items that may have come in contact with recalled walnuts.
- When possible, contact customers or place signs at locations where the walnuts were sold to help notify consumers.

Symptoms of *E. coli*

- Most people infected with Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* experience severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (often bloody), and vomiting.
 - Symptoms usually start 3 to 4 days after swallowing the bacteria.
 - Most people recover without treatment after 5 to 7 days.
- Some people may develop serious kidney problems (hemolytic uremic syndrome, also called HUS) and would need to be hospitalized.
- For more information about *E. coli*, see [the *E. coli* Questions and Answers page](#).



Investigation Details



Map



Timeline

See Also

- [FDA: Outbreak Investigation of *E. coli* O157:H7: Bulk Organic Walnuts](#) 

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