



# Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

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Greetings CACFP Institutions and Sponsors,

The FDA and CDC, in collaboration with state and local partners, are investigating illnesses in a multistate outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* O121:H9 infections linked to organic whole and baby carrots supplied by Grimmway Farms of Bakersfield, California.

Grimmway Farms initiated a **voluntary recall** of multiple sizes and brands of bagged organic whole and baby carrots. Please see below.

- Organic whole carrots were available for purchase at retail from August 14 through October 23, 2024 (Brands: 365, Bunny Luv, Cal-Organic, Compliments, Full Circle, Good & Gather, GreenWise, Marketside, Nature's Promise, O Organics, President's Choice, Simple Truth, Trader Joe's, Wegmans, Wholesome Pantry).
- Organic baby carrots include specific best-if-used-by dates printed on the bags ranging from September 11 to November 12, 2024 (Brands: 365, Bunny Luv, Cal-Organic, Compliments, Full Circle, Good & Gather, GreenWise, Grimmway Farms, Kroger, LIDL, Marketside, Nature's Promise, O Organics, President's Choice, Raley's, Simple Truth, Sprouts, Trader Joe's, Wegmans, Wholesome Pantry).

On November 21, 2024, the **recall expanded** to include additional bag sizes for organic whole carrots under the following labels:

- Bunny Luv: 50-lb
- Cal-Organic: 15-lb and 50-lb
- Good & Gather: 1-lb

For a full list of recalled products click [here](#). These products are likely no longer available for sale in stores but could be in people's homes.

Additional recalls are being conducted by companies that used or repackaged recalled carrots that may have been supplied by Grimmway Farms:

- **4Earth Farms – multiple brands** (added 11/29/2024)
- **Fabalish Inc. Kickin' Carrot Falafel Bites** (added 11/21/2024)
- **Whole Foods Market Organic Carrot Sticks and Organic Carrots & Celery Sticks** (added 11/21/2024)

Symptoms of *E. coli* include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea, fever, nausea, and/or vomiting. Symptoms begin anywhere from a few days after consuming contaminated food or up to nine days later.

The severity or presence of certain symptoms may depend on the type of pathogenic *E. coli* that is causing the infection. Some infections can cause severe bloody diarrhea and lead to life-threatening conditions, such as a type of kidney failure called hemolytic uremic syndrome

(HUS), or the development of high blood pressure, chronic kidney disease, and neurologic problems.

Childcare centers, adult care centers, and all other consumers should check their refrigerators and freezers and should not eat recalled bagged organic whole or baby carrots. If you have these products in your home, do not eat or use them, throw them away, and clean and sanitize surfaces they touched.

If you purchased organic whole or baby carrots and stored them without the original packaging and don't know what brand they are, you should not eat them and should throw them away.

Regards,  
Nutrition Services

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