

Bagged salads recalled recently

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All bags have been pulled and destroyed, according to Kenny Owens of Holyoke Marketplace, in regards to a recent recall of bagged salads.

River Ranch Fresh Foods, LLC of Salinas, Calif. has voluntarily recalled bagged salads due to potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The bagged salads distributed in Colorado are packaged in various sizes under the brand names of River Ranch and Shurfresh.

There have been no reported illnesses associated with this recall. The company is working closely with the Food and Drug Administration and California Department of Public Health.

Owens said the shelves at Holyoke Marketplace have been restocked with fresh packages. There was only a small handful of products on the recall list that the Holyoke Marketplace carries.

Listeria 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.

The recalled retail and food service salad bags have “Best By” code dates between 12MAY2012–29MAY2012 or Julian dates of 118 and 125. The code date typically is located in the upper right-hand corner of the bags.

Visit <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm304742.htm> for a complete list of recalled products.

Consumers who have purchased any of the products should not eat the salads and are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions can contact River Ranch at its 24-hour customer service center at 1-888-624-2569.

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