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### **BrightFarms recalls produce due to potential *E. coli* contamination**

The Kane County Health Department is advising that BrightFarms of Rochelle, Ill., is initiating a voluntary recall of packaged produce due to the potential presence of *E. coli* at its Rochelle, Illinois (Ogle County) greenhouse farm.

The affected BrightFarms branded products are sold at Mariano's Markets in Illinois and Metro Market and Pick 'n Save stores in Wisconsin.

The recall includes the below salad products packaged in clear, plastic clamshells with best by dates located on the label of the package: 10/24/2017, 10/25/2017, 10/26/2017, 10/27/2017.

- BrightFarms Baby Spinach (4 oz. and 8 oz. package)
- BrightFarms Spring Mix (4 oz. and 8 oz. package)
- BrightFarms Spinach Blend (4 oz. package)
- BrightFarms Baby Greens Blend (4 oz. and 8 oz. package)
- BrightFarms Baby Kale (3 oz. package)
- BrightFarms Baby Arugula (4 oz. package)
- BrightFarms Baby Romaine Mix (4 oz. package)
- Basil products, packaged in clear plastic clamshells with best by dates located on the label of the package: 10/24/2017, 10/25/2017, 10/26/2017, 10/27/2017.
- BrightFarms Basil (.75 oz. and 2 oz. package)
- BrightFarms Thai Basil (.75 oz. package)
- BrightFarms Lemon Basil (.75 oz. package)

Affected retailers have been instructed to remove all affected products from store shelves.

Some strains of *E. coli* may create harmful bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration. Seniors, the very young, and persons with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to foodborne illnesses.

Consumers who have purchased the affected products should discard them or return them to their place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions are encouraged to call (646) 480-5262 between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT. Consumers can also email [info@brightfarms.com](mailto:info@brightfarms.com) with the subject line: Recall.

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