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### GRIMMWAY FARMS RECALLS ORGANIC WHOLE AND SELECT ORGANIC BABY CARROTS THAT MAY BE IN CONSUMERS' HOMES DUE TO POTENTIAL *E. COLI* CONTAMINATION

**(Bakersfield, Calif.) November 16, 2024** – Grimmway Farms has issued a recall of select organic whole carrots and organic baby carrots that should no longer be in grocery stores but may be in consumers' refrigerators or freezers.

These products may have been contaminated with Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) O121:H19. *E. coli* O121:H19 is a bacterium that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, elderly people, and those with a weakened immune system. Some infections can cause severe bloody diarrhea conditions, such as a hemolytic uremic syndrome, or the development of high blood pressure, chronic kidney disease, and neurologic problems. Symptoms include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea, fever, nausea, and/or vomiting. The incubation period for *E. coli* O121:H19 in humans can range from 24 hours to as much as ten days. The average incubation period is 3 to 4 days.

The following recalled products were shipped directly to retail distribution centers nationwide in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada:

- Organic whole carrots, which do not have a best-if-used-by date printed on the bag, but were available for purchase at retail stores from August 14 through October 23, 2024,
- Organic baby carrots with best-if-used-by-dates ranging from September 11 through November 12, 2024.

The recalled carrots should not be available for purchase in stores but may be in consumers' refrigerators or freezers.

November 16, 2024, Grimmway Farms Firm-Initiated Recall		
Product photos will be posted in our recall notice on our website at <a href="http://grimmway.com">grimmway.com</a>		
Organic <i>WHOLE</i> Carrots		
available for purchase at retail from August 14 through October 23, 2024		
Label	Bag Sizes	All of these organic whole carrots were available for purchase at retail stores from August 14 through October 23,
365	1lb, 2lb, 5lb	
Bunny Luv	1lb, 2lb, 5lb, 10lb, 25lb	
Cal-Organic	1lb, 2lb, 5lb, 6lb, 10lb, 25lb	
Compliments	2lb	

Full Circle	1lb, 2lb, 5lb	2024. No best-if-used-by-dates are on the bags of organic whole carrots.	
Good & Gather	2lb		
GreenWise	1lb, 25lbs		
Marketside	2lb		
Nature's Promise	1lb, 5lb		
O Organics	1lb, 2lb, 5lb, 10lb		
President's Choice	2lb		
Simple Truth	1lb, 2lb, 5lb		
Trader Joe's	1lb		
Wegmans	1lb, 2lb, 5lb		
Wholesome Pantry	1lb, 2lb, 5lb		
Organic <i>BABY</i> (cut and peeled) carrots with specific best-if-used-by dates			
Label	Bag Sizes	Best-if-Used-by-Dates are printed on the bag	
		From	Through
365	12oz, 1lb, 2lb	SEP 11 24	NOV 02 24
Bunny Luv	1lb, 2lb, 3lb, 5lb	SEP 11 24	NOV 12 24
Cal-Organic	12oz, 1lb, 2lb, 2pk/2lbs	SEP 11 24	NOV 02 24
Compliments	1lb	SEP 14 24	OCT 24 24
Full Circle	1lb	SEP 14 24	OCT 24 24
Good & Gather	12oz, 1lb	SEP 14 24	NOV 02 24
GreenWise	1lb	SEP 11 24	OCT 26 24
Grimmway Farms	25 lb bag	SEP 11 24	OCT 03 24
Marketside	12oz, 1lb, 2lb	SEP 11 24	NOV 02 24
Nature's Promise	1lb	SEP 13 24	OCT 25 24
O Organics	12oz, 1lb, 2lb	SEP 11 24	NOV 02 24
President's Choice	1lb, 2lb	11 SEP 24	02 NOV 24
Raley's	1lb	SEP 14 24	OCT 23 24
Simple Truth	1lb, 2lb	SEP 14 24	NOV 02 24
Sprouts	1lb, 2lb	SEP 13 24	NOV 04 24
Trader Joe's	1lb	SEP 13 24	NOV 04 24
Wegmans	12oz, 1lb, 2lb	SEP 14 24	NOV 02 24
Wholesome Pantry	1lb, 2lb	SEP 16 24	NOV 07 24

The company is voluntarily recalling these carrots after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that these products may be associated with an outbreak. To date, 39 illnesses and one death have been associated with an *E. coli* O121:H19 outbreak.

The company has also notified its customers who received the recalled product directly from Grimmway Farms and requested that those customers notify distributors of the recall products. The implicated farms are out of production, and none of the recalled carrots have tested positive for *E. coli* O121:H19.

**Consumers:** The recalled carrots should no longer be available for purchase but may be in consumers' refrigerators or freezers. Consumers who purchased carrots in the table above and still have them in their refrigerator or freezer should not consume them; they should be destroyed or discarded so they cannot be consumed. If you have these products in your home, do not eat or use them, throw them away, and clean

and sanitize surfaces they touched. Consumers concerned about an illness should contact a medical professional.

Consumers with questions or products in their possession may contact our customer services desk at 1-800-301-3101, M-F, 8 am – 8 pm ET, and November 16-17, 8 am – 8 pm ET, or visit [www.grimmway.com](http://www.grimmway.com).

“We take our role in ensuring the safety and quality of our products seriously,” said Grimmway Farms President and CEO Jeff Huckaby. “The health of our customers and the integrity of our products are our highest priorities, and we are conducting a thorough review of our growing, harvest, and processing practices. Our food safety team is working with our suppliers and health authorities.”

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