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**CDPH Warns People Not to Eat  
Five Varieties of Trader Joe’s Brand Walnuts  
Due to Possible *Salmonella* Contamination**

SACRAMENTO -- California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Acting State Health Officer Dr. James Watt today warned people not to eat five varieties of Trader Joe’s brand raw walnuts because the products may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. No illnesses have been linked to these products as of this date.

Trader Joe’s initiated a voluntary recall after being informed that routine surveillance samples analyzed by a private laboratory had tested positive for *Salmonella*. The recalled pre-packaged raw walnuts were sold at Trader Joe’s stores nationwide in clear plastic bags with the UPC codes printed on the back. The recalled products include:

UPC	Product Description	“Best By” Dates	Lot Numbers
00373685	Trader Joe’s Nuts Raw California Walnut Pieces – 16 oz.	12/2015	GU4345
00943338	Trader Joe’s Nuts Raw California Walnut Halves & Pieces – 16 oz.	12/2015	GU4346 GU4349 GU4356
00519342	Trader Joe’s Nuts Raw California Walnut Baking Pieces – 16 oz.	12/2015	GU4350
00519328	Trader Joe’s Nuts Raw California Premium Walnut Halves – 16 oz.	12/2015	GU4343 GU4344 GU4351 GU4352
00586627	Trader Joe’s Organic Raw Walnut Halves & Pieces – 12 oz.	OCT 15 2015 OCT 16 2015 OCT 17 2015 OCT 20 2015 OCT 21 2015 NOV 17 2015 NOV 18 2015 NOV 19 2015 NOV 20 2015 NOV 28 2015 DEC 01 2015	N/A

Pictures of the affected products and labeling are located [here](#).

While the pre-packaged walnuts are no longer being sold, CDPH investigators are concerned that consumers may still have some of the recalled products in their homes. Consumers in possession of any of these recalled products should discard them or return them to the store of purchase for a refund.

Symptoms of [Salmonella](#) infection include fever, abdominal cramps, and diarrhea, which may be bloody. Most infected people recover within a week. Some may develop complications that require hospitalization. Infants, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems are at highest risk for more severe illness.

CDPH recommends that consumers experiencing any ill effects after consuming these products consult their health care provider. Consumers that observe the product being offered for sale are encouraged to report the activity to the CDPH toll-free complaint line at (800) 495-3232.

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