

# Publix Recalls Publix Premium Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ice Cream Due To Possible *Listeria monocytogenes* Contamination From Aspen Hills, Inc. Cookie Dough Pieces

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## Contact

## Consumers

Customer Care department  
1-800-242-1227

U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
1-888-723-3366

## Announcement

LAKELAND, Fla – Aspen Hills, the supplier of the cookie dough pieces used as an ingredient in the Publix Chocolate Cookie Dough Ice Cream, notified Publix that some of their product could be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Publix Super Markets is issuing a voluntary recall for Publix Premium Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ice Cream due to the possibility of the product containing *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The ice cream was sold at Publix stores in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina with a UPC of 000-41415-03843, and a sell by date of May 27 2017, which is printed on the bottom of the half gallon container.

*Listeria monocytogenes* is a bacteria 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 among pregnant women.

"As part of our commitment to food safety, potentially impacted product has been removed from all store shelves," said Maria Brous, Publix media and community relations director. "To date, there have been no reported cases of illness. Consumers who have purchased the product in question may return the product to their local store for a full refund. Publix customers with additional questions may call our Customer Care department at 1-800-242-1227 or by visiting our website at [www.publix.com](http://www.publix.com). Customers can also contact the US Food and Drug Administration at 1-888-SAFEFOOD (1-888-723-3366)."

Publix is privately owned and operated by its 186,000 employees, with 2015 sales of \$32.4 billion. Currently Publix has 1,127 stores in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina. The company has been named one of *Fortune's* "100 Best Companies to Work For in America" for 19 consecutive years. In addition, Publix's dedication to superior quality and customer service is recognized among the top in the grocery business. For more information, visit the company's website, [corporate.publix.com](http://corporate.publix.com).

**\* We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.**

- \* We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
- \* ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.
- \* For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please

visit: [http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm524880.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm524880.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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