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**DEC Warns People Not to Eat Certain Alfalfa,
Onion and Salad Sprouts**
Health Risk: Salmonella Typhimirium

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is warning the public not to eat certain types of sprout products because they may be contaminated with *Salmonella Typhimirium*. Although the product has been found in Alaska, no illnesses have been reported to date.

The products are 'Sprouters Northwest' brand and include all lot numbers with a best by date of 9/17/08 or earlier of:

5oz alfalfa sprout cups UPC - 033383701417,
4oz alfalfa clamshells UPC-815098001088,
1lb bags of alfalfa sprouts UPC - 079566123508,
2lb trays of alfalfa sprouts UPC - 079566123492,
5oz salad cups UPC - 033383702674,
4oz salad clamshells UPC - 815098002061,
5oz alfalfa onion sprout cups UPC - 033383701905, and
4oz onion sprout clamshells UPC - 815098002054.

Salmonella Typhimirium is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which maybe bloody), nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e. infected aneurysms), endocarditis (swelling of the lining of the heart) and arthritis. Individuals who may have experienced any of the above symptoms after eating any of the recalled products should contact their health care provider.

Consumers who have purchased any of these items are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a refund. Wholesalers / retailers should remove the product from sale, cease distribution, and arrange for product return. Questions can be directed to the company at 253-872-0577.

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