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Local group One Heart Organics has had to recall its product of Swiss Chard Pesto after the Food Inspection Agency found potential for Clostridium Botulinu, which causes botulism.

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# Chance of dangerous bacteria prompts recall for local product

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The Region of Halton is warning Georgetown residents of a product recall for One Heart Organics brand Swiss Chard Pesto, which was recently sold at a local hair salon.

In a release issued Dec. 22, the region said the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) discovered the growth potential for a dangerous bacteria called Clostridium Botulinu, which produces a toxin that causes botulism.

The product was recently for sale at Salon Pure Environment, located at 106 Guelph St. in Georgetown.

According to the CFIA's report issued on Dec. 21, the recall includes both eight- and 16-ounce package sizes.

While the CFIA hasn't yet received reports of illnesses caused by the product, it

says One Heart Organics is recalling One Heart brand Swiss Chard Pesto from the marketplace because it may permit the growth of Clostridium botulinum.

The food safety organization added that food contaminated with Clostridium Botulinum toxin may not look or smell spoiled but can still make people sick.

Residents should not consume the recalled product. Residents who have purchased the recalled product should discard it or return it to the store where it was purchased, said the region in the release.

Symptoms of botulism can include nausea, vomiting, fatigue, dizziness, blurred or double vision, dry mouth, respiratory failure and paralysis. In severe cases of botulism, the illness may cause death, added region reps.

If you think you have become sick from consuming the recalled product, call your doctor immediately.

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