

# BrucePac ready-to-eat products recalled following USDA testing

**BY KENTUCKY TODAY**  
 Nearly 10 million pounds of ready-to-eat meat and poultry products are being recalled by the manufacturer, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service

announced Thursday. The federal inspectors say the products made by BrucePac, a Durant, Oklahoma, company, may be adulterated with Listeria. The ready-to-eat items were produced from June 19 to Oct. 8. These products were shipped to other establishments and distributors nationwide then distributed to restaurants and institutions.

The products subject to recall bear establishment numbers "51205 or P-51205" inside or under the USDA mark of inspection. More information regarding labels

and a list of products will be provided when available, the USDA statement said. The problem was discovered after inspectors performed routine testing of finished product containing poultry products produced by BrucePac. The testing confirmed those products positive for Listeria monocytogenes. Subsequent investigation identified BrucePac RTE chicken as the source of the Listeria monocytogenes.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these

products. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a healthcare provider. Consumption of food contaminated with L. monocytogenes can cause listeriosis, a serious infection that primarily affects older adults, persons with weakened immune systems, and pregnant women and their newborns. Less commonly, persons outside these risk groups are affected.

Listeriosis can cause fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions sometimes preceded by

diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms. An invasive infection spreads beyond the gastrointestinal tract. In pregnant women, the infection can cause miscarriages, stillbirths, premature delivery or life-threatening infection of the newborn.

In addition, serious and sometimes fatal infections in older adults and persons with weakened immune systems. Listeriosis is treated with antibiotics. Persons in the higher-risk categories who experience flu-like symptoms within two months after eating

contaminated food should seek medical care and tell the health care provider about eating the contaminated food.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service statement expressed concern that some product may be available for use in restaurants, institutions and other establishments. These other establishments may have used affected meat and poultry in ready-to-eat products that may be on store shelves or in consumers' refrigerators or freezers.



**Public Notice**  
 Notice is hereby given that Washington County Fiscal Court, 109 North Cross Main, Springfield, KY 40069 has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct a single span 6'-3" tall by 41' long on St. Ivo Road, Lebanon, KY. . Directions to the bridge is from Springfield, KY take Hwy. 150 east for 4.1 miles, turn right onto Simmstown and travel 2.2 miles. Take a left onto St. Ivo Road and travel 0.1 mile to the bridge location over Logan Branch. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permit Branch, Flood Plain Management Section 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

## RECIPES

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### Directions

1. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to a 1/8-in.-thick circle; transfer to a 9-in. pie plate. Trim crust to 1/2 in. beyond rim of plate; flute edge. Refrigerate while preparing filling.
2. Cut pumpkin in half lengthwise; discard seeds. Place cut side down in a microwave-safe dish; add 1

in. of water. Cover and microwave on high until very tender, 15-18 minutes.  
 3. Preheat oven to 425°. Drain pumpkin. When cool enough to handle, scoop out pulp and mash. Set

aside 1-3/4 cups (save remaining pumpkin for another use). In large bowl, combine mashed pumpkin, eggs, brown sugar, cinnamon, salt, ginger and cloves; beat until smooth.

Gradually beat in milk. Pour into crust.  
 4. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce oven setting to 350°; bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 40-50 minutes longer. Cover

edge loosely with foil during the last 30 minutes if needed to prevent overbrowning. Remove foil. Cool on a wire rack. If desired, serve with whipped cream. Refrigerate leftovers.



**WASHINGTON CO. FISCAL COURT SEEKS EMPLOYEE**  
 Washington County Fiscal Court is accepting applications for a FULL-TIME Assistant Road Supervisor; CDL license is required. Duties may include, but are not limited to, supervising road crew in the absence of the road supervisor, manual labor and operating equipment. Washington Co. requires all applicants to pass a drug test and background check. Salary will be based on experience.

Benefits include: employer paid health insurance for employee, uniforms, positive work environment, paid holidays (after 6 month probation), 12 sick days a year, one week of vacation after one year of service, retirement plan, and weekends off unless there is inclement weather.

Applications can be picked up at the Washington County Judge/Executive's office at 109 North Cross Main Street, Springfield, KY 40069. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, October 21st 2024 at Noon.

Washington County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or refuse any and all applications.

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The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing, as well as discriminatory advertising, on the basis of RACE, SEX, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, MENTAL or PHYSICAL HANDICAP, or FAMILIAL STATUS.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-018**  
**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL CANNABIS BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2023, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 47 which establishes the licensing and regulation of the cultivation, processing, sale, distribution, and use of marijuana and related activities for medicinal purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act authorizes the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to issue licenses to the following businesses:

- (a) Tier I cannabis cultivator;
- (b) Tier II cannabis cultivator;
- (c) Tier III cannabis cultivator;
- (d) Tier IV cannabis cultivator;
- (e) Cannabis dispensary;
- (f) Cannabis processor;
- (g) Cannabis producer; or
- (h) Cannabis safety compliance facility; and

**WHEREAS**, KRS 218B.130 authorizes a local government to authorize, prohibit, or submit to referendum vote the question of cannabis business operations within its territory; and

**WHEREAS**, the commonwealth of Kentucky legalized medicinal cannabis to provide qualified patients with severe medical disorders to utilize medicinal cannabis under a doctor's care, it is necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Springfield's residents and members of the public who visit, travel or conduct business in the City of Springfield to authorize all cannabis business within the geographic boundaries of the City of Springfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Springfield wishes to utilize the authority granted to it by KRS 218B.130.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City of Springfield as follows:

**Section 1**

**Definitions**

- (1) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;
- (2) "Cannabis business" means an entity licensed under this chapter as a cultivator, dispensary, processor, producer, or safety compliance facility;
- (3) "Cultivator" means an entity licensed as such under KRS 218B.080, 218B.085, and 218B.090;
- (4) "Dispensary" means an entity licensed as such under KRS 218B.080, 218B.085, and 218B.090;
- (5) "Medicinal cannabis" means
  - (a) marijuana as defined in KRS 218A.010 when cultivated, harvested, processed, produced, transported, dispensed, distributed, sold, possessed, or used in accordance with this chapter;
  - (b) includes medicinal cannabis products and raw plant material; and
  - (c) Does not include industrial hemp or industrial hemp products as defined in KRS 260.850;
- (6) "Processor" means an entity licensed as such under KRS 218B.080, 218B.085, and 218B.090;
- (7) "Producer" means an entity licensed as such under KRS 218B.080, 218B.085, and 218B.090;
- (8) "Safety compliance facility" means an entity licensed as such under KRS 218B.080, 218B.085, and 218B.090;

**Section 2**

**Cannabis Businesses Authorized**

- (1) All cannabis businesses are hereby authorized to operate in the city limits of Springfield.
- (2) "Cannabis business" means any entity licensed under Chapter 218B of the Kentucky Revised Statutes as a cultivator, dispensary, processor, producer, or safety compliance facility.

**Section 3**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its enactment by the City of Springfield following second reading and publication in accordance with the requirements of applicable Kentucky law.

	YES	NO
Brooke Coulter	✓	
Willie Ellery	✓	
Carolyn Hardin	✓	
Terrence McCain		Absent
Chuck Polin	✓	
Lance Smith		Absent

First Reading: September 10, 2024  
 Second Reading: October 8, 2024  
 Published in the Springfield Sun: October 16, 2024

/s/ Chris Essex, Mayor

ATTEST:  
 /s/ Jessica Hart, City Administrator/Clerk

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-017**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE RATES FOR USERS OF THE PUBLIC WATER AND SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. The Springfield City Council, having considered the recommendation of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission that it has become necessary to amend existing water and sewer service rates in order to adequately fund existing operation and maintenance functions of the water company and the sanitary sewer system, does hereby revise the schedule of rates and charges for use of and services rendered on the municipal water and sewer system of said City by amending Sections 1 of Ordinance 2016-004 and Section 3 of Ordinance 2019-007 as follows:

**SECTION 1 (Ordinance 2016-004)**  
**RATES AND CHARGES**

**WITHIN CORPORATE LIMITS OF CITY**

Gallons per month	Existing Water Rates
First 1,500 gallons	\$10.70 minimum bill
Next 3,500 gallons	\$4.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
Over 10,000 gallons	\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons

Gallons per month	New Water Rates
First 500 gallons	\$12.84 minimum bill
Next 9,500 gallons	\$4.82 per 1,000 gallons
Next 990,000 gallons	\$3.98 per 1,000 gallons
Next 1,000,000 gallons	\$4.38 per 1,000 gallons
All Above 2,000,000 gallons	\$4.82 per 1,000 gallons

**OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CITY**

Gallons per month	Existing Water Rates
First 1,500 gallons	\$17.50 minimum bill
Next 3,500 gallons	\$9.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons
Over 10,000 gallons	\$3.75 per 1,000 gallons

Gallons per month	New Water Rates
First 500 gallons	\$15.22 minimum bill
Next 4,500 gallons	\$11.24 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$6.96 per 1,000 gallons
All Above 10,000 gallons	\$5.17 per 1,000 gallons

**SECTION 3 - SEWER RATES AND CHARGES (2019-007)**

3.1 The following schedule of rates shall apply to each user of the sewage treatment system. This schedule includes the rate for user charges as established herein, based on the volume of metered water consumption except where an annually calibrated sewer meter has been installed.

**WITHIN AND OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CITY**

Gallons per month	Existing Sewer Rates
First 1,500 gallons	\$23.99 minimum bill
Next 8,500 gallons	\$9.99 per 1,000 gallons
Next 15,000 gallons	\$9.13 per 1,000 gallons
Next 75,000 gallons	\$8.21 per 1,000 gallons
Over 100,000 gallons	\$6.40 per 1,000 gallons

Gallons per month	New Sewer Rates
First 1,500 gallons	\$25.77 minimum bill
Next 8,500 gallons	\$10.81 per 1,000 gallons
Next 15,000 gallons	\$9.88 per 1,000 gallons
Next 75,000 gallons	\$8.89 per 1,000 gallons
Next 900,000 gallons	\$6.94 per 1,000 gallons
Next 1,000,000 gallons	\$7.89 per 1,000 gallons
All Above 2,000,000 gallons	\$8.85 per 1,000 gallons

These rates and charges shall be increased annually by an amount not to exceed a maximum of 6% at the commission's discretion for the next five years, ending in 2029. At that time the maximum annual increase will be 3% at the commission's discretion.

SECTION II. This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon its adoption, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Carolyn Hardin	Yes	Charles Polin	Yes
Brooke Coulter	Yes	Terrence McCain	Absent
Lance Smith	Absent	Willie Ellery	Yes

First Reading: September 10, 2024  
 Second Reading: October 8, 2024

Adopted and approved this 8th day of October, 2024.

Chris Essex, Mayor

ATTEST:  
 Jessica Hart, City Administrator

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The following fiduciaries have qualified in the Washington District Court.

Kim Denise Fritz, 4251 Bloomfield Road, Springfield, KY 40069, appointed Executrix on October 3, 2024, in the ESTATE OF JOANN E. RYAN, deceased, 4251 Bloomfield Road, Springfield, KY 40069. Atty. E. Gregory Goatley, 106 N. Cross Main Street, Springfield, KY 40069.

All persons having claims against the above estate are hereby notified to present them on or before April 3, 2025.

Jimmy Lee Carey, 1147 Briar Wood Way, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342, appointed Executor on October 4, 2024, in the ESTATE OF WILLIAM DANNY CAREY, deceased, 113 Neal Ave., Springfield, KY 40069. Atty., E. Gregory Goatley, 106 N. Cross Main Street, Springfield, KY 40069.

All persons having claims against the above estate are hereby notified to present them on or before April 4, 2025.

Harold Hardin, 2462 Hardesty Road, Springfield, KY 40069, appointed Executor on October 9, 2024, in the ESTATE OF MAY OLA HARDIN, deceased, 2002 Bardstown Road, Springfield, KY 40069. Atty. Kandice Engle-Gray, PO Box 807, Lebanon, KY 40033.

All persons having claims against the above estate are hereby notified to present them on or before April 9, 2025.

JoAnne Mudd Miller, Circuit Clerk

**PROPERTY TAX NOTICE**

The 2024 County Property Tax Bills will be mailed  
**October 14th, 2024.**

**Tax Collection Hours: Monday - Friday**  
**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

If you do not receive your 4x6 postcard (with yellow stripe) after this date, please contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (859)336-5400 or visit our website [www.wcsoky.com](http://www.wcsoky.com) to print your bill.

**The following are the 2024 collection dates:**

2% DISCOUNT	Oct. 15, 2024 - Nov. 15, 2024
FACE AMOUNT	Nov. 16, 2024 - Dec. 31, 2024
5% PENALTY	Jan. 1, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2025
21% PENALTY	Feb. 1, 2025 - April 15, 2025

- If paying by mail, please include your copy of the tax bill or write the **BILL NUMBER** on your check. If you want a paid receipt, please enclose a **self-addressed stamped envelope**.
- There is a **secure drop box** located outside the front door of our office if paying after office hours. (Please, no cash in drop box)
- When paying in person, please bring your copies of the bill to make sure we credit all the payments that are due. Please review your bills to check that you received a bill on all properties you need to pay taxes on. You may also check our website at [www.wcsoky.com](http://www.wcsoky.com) for tax bill information.
- We are now accepting **CREDIT CARD** payments (in person only). \*A convenience fee will apply\*

**IMPORTANT Reminders:**

- If you have an escrow account with a mortgage company, it is **YOUR** responsibility to forward the tax bill to the escrow company. The Sheriff's Office does not send tax bills to mortgage companies.
- If you have purchased or sold property after Jan 1, 2024 and you received/didn't receive the bill for the newly purchased/sold property, please refer to your **DEED** to see who is responsible for paying the 2024 taxes. You can also contact the closing agent/bank to find the agreement. The Sheriff's Office does not receive closing statements.
- If you turn 65 years old this year, or are already 65, or totally disabled through Social Security, please check your bill to make sure you are receiving an exemption. Please contact the PVA Office if you have questions about the **Homestead Exemption**.
- **Taxes need to be paid before April 15, 2025.** After this date, taxes will be turned over to the County Clerk for collection, with added penalties. A Clerk Tax Bill Sale will occur soon after for all unpaid taxes.

Jerry Pinkston  
 Washington County Sheriff