



**Indiana State  
Department of Health**  
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Governor

**Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH**  
State Health Commissioner

**DATE:** December 14, 2015

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

**FROM:** *Laurie Kidwell*  
Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor  
Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** The Sweet Leaf Tea Company - RECALL [Food]

**AFFECTED  
PRODUCT:** Sweet Leaf® Tea

**SUMMARY:** Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated due to the possible presence of glass fragments. This was the result of glass breakage during the filling process.

<u>Sweet Leaf 16 ounce glass product only</u>	<u>Manufacture Code</u>	<u>Manufacture Date</u>	<u>Best By Date</u>	<u>Bottle Label UPC</u>	<u>Case UPC</u>
Sweet Leaf Tea Raspberry	022615057WC402 042315113WC402 042415114WC402 060415155WC402	2/26/15 4/23/15 4/24/15 6/5/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06703-6	6-51538-06803-3
Sweet Leaf Half and Half Lemonade Tea	022715058WC402 042315113WC402 060315154WC402	2/27/15 4/23/15 6/3/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06708-1	6-51538-06808-8
Sweet Leaf Tea Original	022615057WC402 042514115WC402 042415114WC402 060315154WC402	2/26/15 4/25/15 4/24/15 6/3/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06700-5	6-51538-06800-2
Sweet Leaf Tea Green Tea w/Citrus	022715058WC402 042415114WC402 060415155WC402	2/27/15 4/24/15 6/4/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06720-3	6-51538-06820-0
Sweet leaf Tea Peach	022615057WC402 042315113WC402 060415155WC402	2/26/15 4/23/15 6/4/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06704-3	6-51538-06804-0
Sweet Leaf Tea Mint & Honey	022715058WC402 042415114WC402 060415155WC402	2/27/15 4/24/15 6/4/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06701-2	6-51538-06801-9

In order to determine the manufacturing date and best by date of a bottle, consumers are advised to look for the manufacturing code on the shoulder of a bottle or on the shipping case, as seen below:

**First Line**

042415 – Production Date Code: mmddyy (e.g. April 24, 2015)

114 – Julian Date Code

WC40 – Factory Code

2 – Bottling Line Identification Code

**Second Line**

15:19 – Military Time

BB 08/31/16 – Best Before date mm/dd/yy (e.g. August 31, 2016)

The recalled product was distributed nationwide.

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:**

Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have any of the glass products with the affected date codes should not drink the product, can contact the Sweet Leaf toll-free number 1-877-832-5323 Monday through Friday 8am - 8pm EST for replacement product, or return the product to the store of purchase for a refund. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

**FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.**

*The Sweet Leaf Tea Company Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Tea in Glass Bottles*

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For Immediate Release

December 10, 2015

Contact

**Consumers**

Sweet Leaf  
1-877-832-5323

Firm Press Release  
[View Product Photos](#)

The Sweet Leaf Tea Company announced today that it is voluntarily recalling Sweet Leaf® Tea in 16 ounce glass bottles out of an abundance of caution because of the possible presence of glass fragments. This was the result of glass breakage during the filling process. Consumers could potentially be cut or injured if ingested. The company has received 4 complaints of glass in the product. No injuries were reported.

The voluntary recall is limited to specific production codes of Sweet Leaf® Tea, as follows, which were distributed between February 27, 2015 and December 6, 2015. Only 16 ounce glass bottles are affected, and only those listed below:

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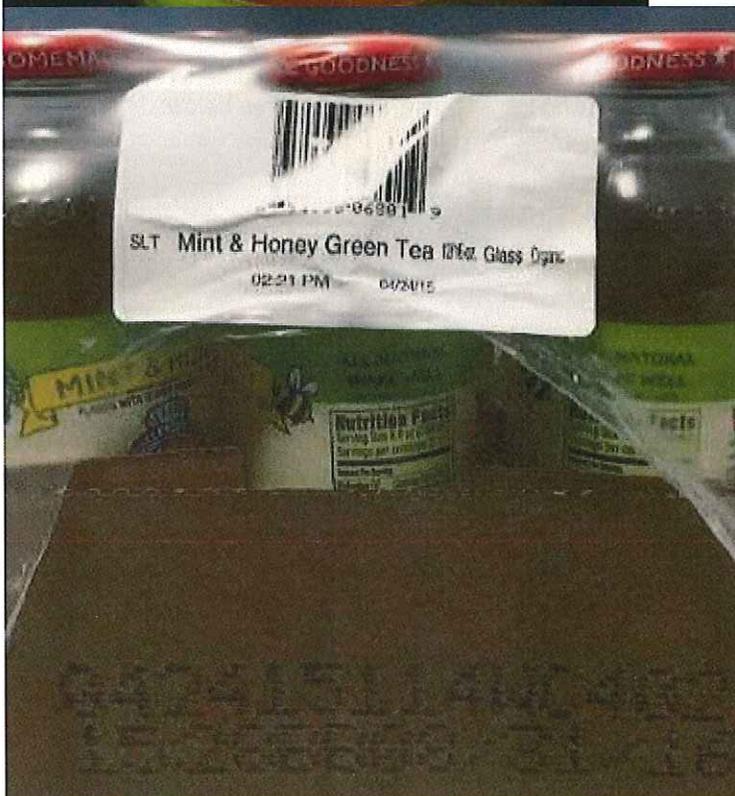
**BB 08/31/16** – Best Before date mm/dd/yy (e.g. August 31, 2016)

The Sweet Leaf Tea Company is committed to ensuring the quality and safety of all of its products. All recalled products are being removed from store shelves. Consumers who have any of the glass products with the affected date codes should not drink the product, can contact the Sweet Leaf toll-free number 1-877-832-5323 Monday through Friday 8am - 8pm EST for replacement product, or return the product to the store of purchase for a refund.

This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of and in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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Product Photos



ORGANIC  
**HALF & HALF**

Keep in icebox after opening.



**SWEET LEAF**  
**LEMONADE TEA**

180 CALORIES PER BOTTLE

premium black tea blended with real lemon juice and cane sugar

USDA ORGANIC

ALL-NATURAL  
 SHAKE WELL  
 5% JUICE

EST. 1998  
**OUR STORY**

It wasn't a long shot that we'd make a tea that would give us a golfer's name. After all, Dave's quite a player. Take a bottle out to the courts with you and time just don't take Clayton - he'll be out in a body of water.

When we first started we brewed our tea in pillowcases and filled each bottle by hand. We've grown since then, but we're still inspired by Clayton's genius. We're still proud of water to our ingredients we can't pronounce. We hope you have as much fun drinking our tea as we have making it.

Enjoy Clayton & David

PROCESSED FOR SWEET LEAF TEA CO. AUSTIN, TX 78704. CALL 800-433-8888. WWW.SWEETLEAFTEA.COM

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ORGANIC  
**MINT & HONEY**

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**SWEET LEAF**  
**GREEN TEA**

120 CALORIES PER BOTTLE

premium green tea leaves infused with spearmint flavor and real honey

USDA ORGANIC

ALL-NATURAL  
 SHAKE WELL  
 CANE SUGAR JUICE

EST. 1998  
**OUR STORY**

We found this great flavor while traveling through Missouri on a bicycle. Our idea was to try to do about the opposite of what we would do if we were home with the most delicious tea recipe ever... and a couple of kilometers for our college apartment.

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**THE ORIGINAL**

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**SWEET LEAF**  
**SWEET TEA**

150 CALORIES PER BOTTLE

premium black tea leaves sweetened with real cane sugar

USDA ORGANIC

ALL-NATURAL  
 SHAKE WELL

EST. 1998  
**OUR STORY**

This is where it all started. While we have all of our hits equally, well give our first recipe the well-deserved spotlight. Actually, this was in our favorite - please don't tell the others.

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ALL-NATURAL PEACH  
FLAVORED WITH OTHER NATURAL FLAVORS



SWEET LEAF ICED TEA

160 CALORIES PER 8 FL OZ (240 ml)  
premium black tea blended with the rich flavor of peaches  
VEGA CERTIFIED

ALL-NATURAL SHAKE WELL CONTAINS NO JUICE

**Nutrition Facts**  
Serving Size 8 fl oz (240 ml)  
Servings per container 2

Amount Per Serving	
<b>Calories 160</b>	<b>Calories from Fat 0</b>
100% Daily Value*	
<b>Total Fat</b> 0g	0%
<b>Sodium</b> 10mg	0%
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 20g	7%
<b>Sugar</b> 10g	
<b>Protein</b> 0g	

\*Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's secrets. © Sweet Leaf Tea Co. All rights reserved. Sweet Leaf Tea Co. is a registered trademark of Sweet Leaf Tea Co. All rights reserved.

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This flavor was inspired by the famous peach orchards of Frederickburg, Texas. We think that a proper peach tea should be made with the best organic ingredients, should be tasty as all get-out, and would get you to relax a bit, to sit back, slow down, and enjoy the tea.



When we first started, we brewed our tea in yellow-green and blue and white by hand. You've grown since then, but we're still inspired by Clayton's granny, "Mama," who taught us never to use ingredients we can't pronounce. We hope you have as much fun drinking our tea as we have making it.

By Clayton & David



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ORGANIC RASPBERRY



SWEET LEAF ICED TEA

160 CALORIES PER 8 FL OZ (240 ml)  
premium black tea blended with rich raspberry flavor  
VEGA CERTIFIED

ALL-NATURAL SHAKE WELL CONTAINS NO JUICE

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Our raspberry tea is delicious because it's made with real forest-to-porchhouse tea leaves and premium natural ingredients. Then again, it's also made by a group of folks who laugh and lift-fives as much as possible. We also get to bring our dogs to work - is that the world you expect?



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ALL-NATURAL CITRUS  
FLAVORED WITH OTHER NATURAL FLAVORS



SWEET LEAF GREEN TEA

160 CALORIES PER 8 FL OZ (240 ml)  
premium green tea infused with refreshing citrus flavor  
VEGA CERTIFIED

ALL-NATURAL SHAKE WELL CONTAINS NO JUICE

**Nutrition Facts**  
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We always wondered why astronauts drank white orange punch instead of Greeny's awesome Citrus Green Tea. With 200% as much citrus as your average peach tea, the moon, we could have punch!



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