

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

## CLIP LAWN CARE FRANCHISE, LLC

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The franchise offered is for the establishment and operation of a lawn maintenance services business.

The estimated total investment necessary to begin operations of a Clip Lawn Care Franchise is \$71,500 to \$144,200. This includes \$25,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate.

This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale or grant. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.** 

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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## STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in Franchisee's state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit A for information about the franchisor, or about franchising in Franchisee's state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW FRANCHISEE TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. FRANCHISEE MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE FRANCHISEE'S BUSINESS. BEFORE FRANCHISEE BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS FRANCHISEE HAVE TO RENEW FRANCHISEE'S FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS FRANCHISEE MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before Franchisee buy this franchise:

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES FRANCHISEE TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION ONLY IN MARYLAND. OUT-OF-STATE LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO LITIGATE AND ARBITRATE WITH US IN MARYLAND THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT MARYLAND LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. FRANCHISEE MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS
  - 3. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist Franchisor in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source represents us, not Franchisee. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring Franchisee to us. Franchisee should be sure to do Franchisee's own investigation of the franchise.



## STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following chart lists states require that this disclosure document be registered with the state. In these states, the effective date of this disclosure document is as follows:

State	Effective Date
California	
Hawaii	
Illinois	
Indiana	
Maryland	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
New York	
North Dakota	
Rhode Island	
South Dakota	
Virginia	
Washington	
Wisconsin	

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