

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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The franchise offered is for the right to operate a business maintaining quality lawns and trees for residences and businesses by providing various professional services under the name "Spring-Green."

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Spring-Green Lawn Care business ranges from \$83,66389,286 to \$95,033103,132. This includes \$64,93870,158 to \$76,30884,004 that is payable to us or our affiliate, including an initial franchise fee ranging from \$30,000 to \$40,000, an initial marketing campaign of \$25,000, an initial property data fee of \$5,000 to \$7,500, \$4,000 for the supply package, \$4,3744,411 to \$5,7445,757 for equipment and \$1,5641,747 for computer software. However, you are not required to obtain the initial supply package or any equipment from us or an 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. **Note, however, that no government agency has verified the information contained in this document.** 

You may wish to receive your Disclosure Document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Spring-Green Lawn Care Corp., Franchise Development Department, 11909 Spaulding School Drive, Plainfield, Illinois 60585, (800) 435-4051 or (815) 436-8777 or e-mail franinfo@spring-green.com.

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.

ISSUANCE DATE: MARCHMarch 24, 20142015



## 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 your 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 administrators listed in Exhibit A for information about the franchisor, or about franchising in your state.

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

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

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY LITIGATION ONLY IN ILLINOIS. OUT OF STATE LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO LITIGATE WITH US IN ILLINOIS THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2. IF YOU ARE A BUSINESS ENTITY, YOUR OWNERS WILL HAVE TO GUARANTY YOUR OBLIGATIONS AND BE BOUND BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. THE SPOUSE OF EACH OWNER MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED TO CONSENT TO THE GUARANTY, WHICH PLACES THE SPOUSE'S MARITAL ASSETS AT RISK.
  - 3. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THE FRANCHISE.

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

The effective dates of this Disclosure Document in the states with franchise registration laws in which we have sought registration or exemption appear on the following page.



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## **STATE EFFECTIVE DATES**

The following states require that the Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

This Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

Illinois: March 25, 2014 Pending

Indiana: March 25, <del>2014</del>2015

Michigan: March 24, <del>2014</del>2015

Minnesota: April 4, 2014Pending

South Dakota: March 25, 20142015

Virginia: March 27, 2014 Pending

Washington: March 31, 2014 Pending

Wisconsin: March 24, <del>2014</del> <u>2015</u>

In all other states that do not require registration, the effective date of this Disclosure Document is the issuance date of March 24, 20142015.

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