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September 20, 2021

Dear Sample A. Sample:

We are writing to notify you of an issue that involves your personal information. On June 30, 2021, we purchased certain assets of Flowers Sanitation, Inc. of Carlinville, an Illinois corporation ("Flowers Sanitation"). Shortly thereafter, we learned that, beginning in February 2019, an unauthorized party accessed certain Flowers Sanitation systems through the company's website payment portal. The unauthorized party potentially had access to the relevant Flowers Sanitation systems until July 7, 2021, which is when we disabled the payment portal on Flowers Sanitation's website. This issue was limited to Flowers Sanitation's systems and had no impact on Republic Services' network or systems.

Promptly after learning of the issue, we took steps to determine its nature and scope. Our investigation found that the affected systems included certain personal information of Flowers Sanitation's customers, including you. The affected personal information included your name, payment card number and expiration date, and the email address and password that was associated with your Flowers Sanitation account. We promptly shut down Flowers Sanitation's website payment portal and moved all payment processing to our payment system. In addition, we are transitioning all Flowers Sanitation accounts to our own infrastructure, so if you want to access your account online, you will need to register a new online account with Republic Services by going to RepublicServices.com/MyAccount.

We take our obligation to safeguard personal information very seriously and are alerting you so you can take steps to help protect yourself. You are entitled under U.S. law to one free credit report annually from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. We encourage you to remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports. When registering a new account with Republic Services, please do not use the same or similar credentials as those used for your Flowers Sanitation account. We also recommend that you change your credentials for any other online service if you used a username and password that are the same as or similar to those used for your Flowers Sanitation account.

We have arranged to offer you one year of complimentary identity protection and credit monitoring services. The attached Reference Guide provides information on registration and recommendations by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on the protection of personal information.



We hope this information is useful to you. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call (888) 397-0048 Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. PST and Saturday/Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST. Be prepared to provide engagement number **B018305** as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

Sincerely,

Mark Cwynar

Vice President, Corporate Security

Reference Guide

We encourage affected individuals to take the following steps:

Register for Identity Protection and Credit Monitoring Services. We have arranged with Experian to help you protect your identity and your credit information for one year at no cost to you.

To help protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary 12-month membership of Experian's[®] Identity WorksSM. This product provides you with identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you enroll by: December 31, 2021 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian Identity Works website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/credit
- Provide your activation code: ABCDEFGHI

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian Identity Works online, please contact Experian's customer care team at (888) 397-0048 by **December 31, 2021.** Be prepared to provide engagement number **B018305** as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

Order Your Free Credit Report. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com, call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC's") website at www.consumer.ftc.gov and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three nationwide consumer reporting agencies provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.

When you receive your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open. Look in the "inquiries" section for names of creditors from whom you haven't requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store or commercial names. The consumer reporting agency will be able to tell you when that is the case. Look in the "personal information" section for any inaccuracies in your information (such as home address and Social Security number). If you see anything you do not understand, call the consumer reporting agency at the telephone number on the report. Errors in this information may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the consumer reporting agencies of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate consumer reporting agency by telephone and in writing. Consumer reporting agency staff will review your report with you. If the information cannot be explained, then you will need to call the creditors involved. Information that cannot be explained also should be reported to your local police or sheriff's office because it may signal criminal activity.

Report Incidents. If you detect any unauthorized transactions in a financial account, promptly notify your payment card company or financial institution. If you detect any incident of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the incident to law enforcement, the FTC and your state Attorney General. If you believe your identity has been stolen, the FTC recommends that you take these steps:

- Close the accounts that you have confirmed or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. For streamlined checklists and sample letters to help guide you through the recovery process, please visit https://www.identitytheft.gov/.
- File a local police report. Obtain a copy of the police report and submit it to your creditors and any others that may require proof of the identity theft crime.



You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft and how to repair identity theft:

Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.ftc.gov/idtheft/

Consider Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File. To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect you against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a merchant checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the merchant gets a notice that the applicant may be the victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the merchant to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free numbers provided below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows you to flag your file with a fraud alert at all three consumer reporting agencies. For more information on fraud alerts, you also may contact the FTC as described above.

| Equifax | Equifax Information Services LLC P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374 | 1-800-525-6285 | www.equifax.com |
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| Experian | Experian Inc. P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 | 1-888-397-3742 | www.experian.com |
| TransUnion | TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016 | 1-800-680-7289 | www.transunion.com |

Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File. You may wish to place a "security freeze" (also known as a "credit freeze") on your credit file. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit file at the consumer reporting agencies without your consent. Unlike a fraud alert, you must place a security freeze on your credit file at each consumer reporting agency individually. There is no charge to place or lift a security freeze. For more information on security freezes, you may contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies or the FTC as described above. As the instructions for establishing a security freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies to find out more information.

The consumer reporting agencies may require proper identification prior to honoring your request. For example, you may be asked to provide:

- Your full name with middle initial and generation (such as Jr., Sr., II, III)
- Your Social Security number
- Your date of birth
- Addresses where you have lived over the past five years
- A legible copy of a government-issued identification card (such as a state driver's license or military ID card)
- Proof of your current residential address (such as a current utility bill or account statement)

<u>For Iowa Residents.</u> You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity theft. This office can be reached at:

Office of the Attorney General of Iowa Hoover State Office Building 1305 E. Walnut Street Des Moines, IA 50319 (515) 281-5164 www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov

For Maryland Residents. You can obtain information from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General about steps you can take to avoid identity theft. You may contact the Maryland Attorney General at:

Maryland Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 (888) 743-0023 (toll-free in Maryland) (410) 576-6300 www.oag.state.md.us

For Massachusetts Residents. You have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above. The consumer reporting agencies may require that you provide certain personal information (such as your name, Social Security number, date of birth, and address) and proper identification (such as a copy of a government-issued ID card and a bill or statement) prior to honoring your request to place a security freeze on your account.

For New Mexico Residents. You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"). These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, please visit https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf or www.ftc.gov.

<u>For New York Residents.</u> You can obtain information from the New York State Office of the Attorney General about how to protect yourself from identity theft and tips on how to protect your privacy online. You can contact the New York State Office of the Attorney General at:

Office of the Attorney General The Capitol Albany, NY 12224-0341 1-800-771-7755 (toll-free) 1-800-788-9898 (TDD/TTY toll-free line) https://ag.ny.gov/

Bureau of Internet and Technology (BIT) 28 Liberty Street New York, NY 10005 Phone: (212) 416-8433 https://ag.ny.gov/internet/resource-center



<u>For North Carolina Residents.</u> You can obtain information from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office about preventing identity theft. You can contact the North Carolina Attorney General at:

North Carolina Attorney General's Office 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 (877) 566-7226 (toll-free in North Carolina) (919) 716-6400 www.ncdoj.gov