

# **Notice of Data Security Incident**

**December 10, 2024** 

**Waste & Recycling Services** 

Rumpke Waste & Recycling is committed to protecting the privacy of impacted individuals' information. We take privacy very seriously, and it is important to us that impacted individuals are made fully aware of a privacy issue involving their information.

## What happened?

Rumpke, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Rumpke Consolidated Companies, Inc. & Affiliates Benefits Plan, are writing to notify impacted individuals of a security incident. On October 11, 2024, Rumpke was alerted to a dark web posting by an attacker claiming to have accessed and removed data from our IT systems. We immediately worked to successfully contain the intrusion and began our investigation with the help of legal and computer forensics teams. Rumpke has also been working with the FBI on this investigation. We learned the attackers accessed our systems starting on July 20, 2024, through a compromised user account. As a result, the attacker was able to gain access to parts of our network and view and take certain files relating to our employees, their dependents, and our health plan, among other types of information.

Impacted individuals include both current and former Rumpke employees, and their spouses and dependents enrolled in the Rumpke Consolidated Companies, Inc. & Affiliates Benefits Plan from 2015 through July 27, 2024.

While we have no evidence that any of the personal information has been misused for identity theft or fraud at this time, we are exercising an abundance of caution to help protect impacted individuals' personal information and financial security, and alleviate any concerns impacted individuals may have.

#### What information was involved?

The information that *may* have been viewed or taken includes, information such as names, addresses, dates of birth, phone numbers, and emails, plus one or more of the following:

- Health insurance data, such as health plan enrollment and account information;
- Health data, such as diagnosis information and codes;
- Health billing and payment data, such as claim numbers, account numbers, billing codes, payment amounts, and balance information;
- Other personal data such as Social Security number, driver's license or state or other ID number, and financial account information.

The data that may have been seen or taken may differ from person to person.

## What is Rumpke doing to address this situation?

We have fully investigated this incident with its forensic service provider and legal team, and has made immediate enhancements to its systems, security, and practices. Additionally, we are conducting a full review of our security practices and systems to ensure that enhanced security protocols are in place going forward so an incident like this does not happen again. Rumpke is also enhancing its employee training to increase awareness and prevent future security incidents.

Rumpke is committed to helping those who may have been impacted by this situation, and are providing impacted individuals with access to **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring** services at no charge. These services provide impacted individuals with alerts for **24 months** from the date of enrollment. Rumpke is also providing impacted individuals with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions they may have or in the event they become victims of fraud.



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## What can impacted individuals do to protect themselves?

Please see the section entitled "Other Steps You Can Take to Protect Yourself" below for additional resources individuals can use to protect themselves.

#### What if individuals want to talk to someone about this incident?

Representatives are available for 90 days from the date of this letter, to assist you with questions regarding this incident, between the hours of 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. If you believe you have been impacted by this incident and have not received a letter from Rumpke, please call the help line 888-458-9787.

While representatives should be able to provide thorough assistance and answer most questions, individuals may still feel the need to speak with Rumpke regarding this incident. If so, please call us at 866-237-0379 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

In today's world, technology and cyber security threats are ever-evolving, please know that Rumpke is staying abreast of trends and is constantly using and adapting best practices and technology to protect our team and customers from attack. We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.



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## Other Steps You Can Take to Protect Yourself

Review Your Credit Reports. We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports. Under federal law, you also are entitled every 12 months to one free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies. To obtain a free annual credit report, go to <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call 1-877-322-8228. Hearing impaired consumers can access their TDD service at 1-877-730-4204. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

Upon receipt of your credit report, we recommend that you review it carefully for any suspicious activity. Be sure to promptly report any suspicious activity by calling the help line number included above and providing your unique code listed in this letter.

<u>Police Report</u>. You also have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide evidence that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

<u>Fraud Alerts</u>. You can also place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus. If you choose to place a fraud alert, we recommend you do this after activating your credit monitoring. You can place a fraud alert at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. The contact information for all three bureaus is as follows:

Experian (1-888-397-3742) P.O. Box 4500 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com **Equifax (1-800-525-6285)** P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374 www.equifax.com

TransUnion (1-800-680-7289)
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
www.transunion.com

No one can place a fraud alert on your credit report except you.

<u>Credit Freeze</u>. By placing a security freeze, someone who fraudulently acquires your personal identifying information will not be able to use that information to open new accounts or borrow money in your name. You will need to contact the three national credit reporting bureaus listed above to place the freeze. Keep in mind that when you place the freeze, you will not be able to borrow money, obtain instant credit, or get a new credit card until you temporarily lift or permanently remove the freeze. There is no cost to freeze or unfreeze your credit files.



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Additional Information. You can obtain additional information about how to avoid identity theft from the following agencies. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can contact the FTC at <a href="https://consumer.ftc.gov">https://consumer.ftc.gov</a>; 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); TTY 1-866-653-4261; or Attn: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

California Residents: Visit the California Office of Privacy Protection (<a href="www.oag.ca.gov/privacy">www.oag.ca.gov/privacy</a>) for additional information on protection against identity theft. Office of the Attorney General of California, 1300 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Telephone: 1-800-952-5225.

**Kentucky Residents:** Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, <a href="https://www.ag.ky.gov">www.ag.ky.gov</a>, Telephone: 1-502-696-5300.

**Maryland Residents:** Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202, <a href="https://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer">www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer</a>, Telephone: 1-888-743-0023.

New Mexico Residents: You have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from a violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. You can review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504">www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504</a> cfpb summary your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

**New York Residents:** the Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; <a href="https://ag.ny.gov/">https://ag.ny.gov/</a>.

**North Carolina Residents:** Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, <a href="www.ncdoj.gov">www.ncdoj.gov</a>, Telephone: 1-919-716-6400.

**Oregon Residents:** Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, <a href="https://www.doj.state.or.us/">www.doj.state.or.us/</a>, Telephone: 1-877-877-939.

**Rhode Island Residents:** Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, <a href="https://www.riag.ri.gov">www.riag.ri.gov</a>, Telephone: 1-401-274-4400.