

GRAINGER W W INC  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HOWARD JOHN L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 GRAINGER PARKWAY  
(Street)

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GRAINGER W W INC [GWW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/01/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	09/01/2005		M		10,000 A \$ 43.5	40,063	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005		S		200 D \$ 64.67	39,863	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005		S		800 D \$ 64.68	39,063	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005		S		1,000 D \$ 64.69	38,063	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005		S		1,400 D \$ 64.7	36,663	D

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Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	400	D	\$ 64.73	36,263	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	200	D	\$ 64.75	36,063	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 64.76	35,063	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	500	D	\$ 64.77	34,563	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	500	D	\$ 64.78	34,063	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	800	D	\$ 64.79	33,263	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	400	D	\$ 64.8	32,863	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	100	D	\$ 64.92	32,763	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	600	D	\$ 64.94	32,163	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 64.95	30,163	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	100	D	\$ 64.96	30,063	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 43.5	09/01/2005		M	10,000	04/26/2003	04/25/2010	Common Stock	10,000

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Option	\$ 43.5	(1)	04/25/2010	Common Stock	2,160
Option	\$ 37.5		04/25/2004 04/24/2011	Common Stock	20,000
Option	\$ 37.5		04/25/2007 04/24/2011	Common Stock	1,440
Option	\$ 54.61		04/24/2005 04/23/2012	Common Stock	25,000
Option	\$ 45.5		04/30/2006 04/29/2013	Common Stock	25,000
Option	\$ 54.14		04/28/2007 04/27/2014	Common Stock	12,000
Option	\$ 52.29		04/27/2008 04/26/2015	Common Stock	13,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWARD JOHN L 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201			Sr. VP and General Counsel	

## Signatures

J. L. Howard                      09/02/2005  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 4/26/2001.

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