

GRAINGER W W INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**04/25/2011**

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)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/25/2011		F	1,007 D	\$ 149.65	42,385	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)**

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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)	8. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
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	
Option	\$ 76.61					04/26/2009 04/25/2016	Common Stock 10,000	
Option	\$ 83.08					04/25/2010 04/24/2017	Common Stock 10,000	
Option	\$ 85.82					04/30/2011 04/29/2018	Common Stock 11,000	
Option	\$ 81.49					04/29/2012 04/28/2019	Common Stock 21,000	
Option	\$ 108.15					04/28/2013 04/27/2020	Common Stock 19,500	

## 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

Cristen L. Kogl, as attorney-in-fact  
 Date: 04/26/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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).

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