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> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) January 10, 2003

NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE	1-9608	36-3514169
(State of Other	(Commission	(IRS Employer
Jurisdiction	File Number)	Identification No.)
of Incorporation)		

29 East Stephenson Street Freeport, Illinois (Address Principal Executive Offices)

61032-0943 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (815) 235-4171

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

The opinion of Schiff Hardin & Waite filed herewith is incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Nos. 333-88050).

- ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS
 - (c) Exhibits.
 - (99) Opinion of Schiff Hardin & Waite

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.

Date: January 10, 2003

By:	/s/ Dale L. Matschullat
	Dale L. Matschullat
	Vice President - General
	Counsel

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