

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)  
**02/16/2011**

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)  
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/16/2011                           |  | A                              | 1,420   | A \$ 0  | 43,853   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/16/2011                           |  | F                              | 461   | D \$ 138.29   | 43,392   | 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| 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<br>100 GRAINGER PARKWAY<br>LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201 |               |           | Sr. VP and General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

Cristen L. Kogl, as  
attorney-in-fact

02/17/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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