

GRAINGER W W INC  
Form 4  
December 01, 2016

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HOWARD JOHN L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**100 GRAINGER PARKWAY**

(Street)

**LAKE FOREST, IL 60045**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**11/30/2016**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr. VP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	11/30/2016		M		11,000	A	\$ 85.82	49,406 D
Common Stock	11/30/2016		S		11,000	D	\$ 230	38,406 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
Stock Option	\$ 85.82	11/30/2016		M	11,000	04/30/2011 04/29/2018	Common Stock 11,000
Stock Option	\$ 81.49					04/29/2012 04/28/2019	Common Stock 21,000
Stock Option	\$ 108.15					04/28/2013 04/27/2020	Common Stock 19,500
Stock Option	\$ 149.02					04/27/2014 04/26/2021	Common Stock 14,990
Stock Option	\$ 204.01					04/25/2015 04/24/2022	Common Stock 11,716
Stock Option	\$ 245.86					04/24/2016 04/23/2023	Common Stock 11,543
Stock Option	\$ 248.22					04/30/2017 04/29/2024	Common Stock 7,360
Stock Option	\$ 231.88					04/01/2018 03/31/2025	Common Stock 9,728
Stock Option	\$ 234.38					04/01/2019 03/31/2026	Common Stock 12,390

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Noni Ellison Southall, as attorney-in-fact 12/01/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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