

GRAINGER W W INC  
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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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/27/2015**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/27/2015		A		1,289	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/27/2015		F		399	D	\$ 254.89
							38,091
							37,692

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 Amount of Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option	\$ 83.08					Date Exercisable: 04/25/2010 Expiration Date: 04/24/2017	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 85.82					Date Exercisable: 04/30/2011 Expiration Date: 04/29/2018	Common Stock	11,000
Stock Option	\$ 81.49					Date Exercisable: 04/29/2012 Expiration Date: 04/28/2019	Common Stock	21,000
Stock Option	\$ 108.15					Date Exercisable: 04/28/2013 Expiration Date: 04/27/2020	Common Stock	19,500
Stock Option	\$ 149.02					Date Exercisable: 04/27/2014 Expiration Date: 04/26/2021	Common Stock	14,990
Stock Option	\$ 204.01					Date Exercisable: 04/25/2015 Expiration Date: 04/24/2022	Common Stock	11,716
Stock Option	\$ 245.86					Date Exercisable: 04/24/2016 Expiration Date: 04/23/2023	Common Stock	11,543
Stock Option	\$ 248.22					Date Exercisable: 04/30/2017 Expiration Date: 04/29/2024	Common Stock	7,360

## 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

David L. Rawlinson, as attorney-in-fact 02/27/2015

\*\*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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