

RYAN JAMES T  
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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 \*  
RYAN JAMES T

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 GRAINGER PARKWAY  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/23/2004

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

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/23/2004		M		\$ 37.25		D
Common Stock	11/23/2004		F		\$ 61.57		D
Common Stock	11/23/2004		S		\$ 61.6		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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 37.25	11/23/2004		M	8,060	04/30/2000 04/29/2007	Common Stock	8,060
Option	\$ 51.6875					04/29/2001 04/28/2008	Common Stock	7,180
Option	\$ 48.625					04/28/2002 04/27/2009	Common Stock	8,790
Option	\$ 42.8125					03/01/2003 02/28/2010	Common Stock	3,240
Option	\$ 43.5					<sup>(1)</sup> 04/25/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Option	\$ 37.5					04/25/2007 04/24/2011	Common Stock	50,000
Option	\$ 54.61					04/24/2005 04/23/2012	Common Stock	30,000
Option	\$ 45.5					04/30/2006 04/29/2013	Common Stock	30,000
Option	\$ 54.14					04/28/2007 04/27/2014	Common Stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RYAN JAMES T 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201			Group President	

## Signatures

J. L. Howard, as  
attorney-in-fact

11/24/2004

\_\_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).
- (1) Exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 4/26/2001.

### Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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