

HOWARD JOHN L  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
08/22/2018

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		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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	08/22/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>		14,990	A	\$ 149.02	58,207	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,300	D	\$ 367.3389	55,907	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		9,466	D	\$ 368.1303	46,441	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,224	D	\$ 369.0277	43,217	D	

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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	\$ 149.02	08/22/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>	14,990	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
Stock Option	\$ 231.2					04/03/2020	04/02/2027	Common Stock	8,607
Stock Option	\$ 276.64					04/02/2021	04/01/2028	Common Stock	8,979

## 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

Hugo Dubovoy, Jr., as  
attorney-in-fact

08/23/2018

\_\_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) Transaction pursuant to a previously adopted Rule 10b5-1 trading program.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$366.69 to \$367.68, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide W.W. Grainger, Inc., any security holder of W.W. Grainger, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2), (3), and (4) to this Form 4.

(3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$367.70 to \$368.69, inclusive.

(4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$368.70 to \$369.53, inclusive.

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