#### GRAINGER W W INC

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### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOWARD JOHN L			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)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(1 11 11 11 11 11 11		
100 GRAINGER PARKWAY		/AY	(Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2012	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)  Sr. VP and General Counsel		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secı	ırities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		sed of 4 and (A) or		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)
Common Stock	04/30/2012		F	1,244	D	\$ 212.83	43,558	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2012		S	601	D	\$ 208.1524	42,957	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2012		S	555	D	\$ 208.17	42,402	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2012		S	600	D	\$ 208.18	41,802	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pri Deriv Secun (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
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	
Option	\$ 149.02					04/27/2014	04/26/2021	Common Stock	14,990	
Option	\$ 204.01					04/25/2015	04/24/2022	Common Stock	11,716	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
<b>FB</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
HOWARD JOHN L 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201			Sr. VP and General Counsel					

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### **Signatures**

Aimee M. Nolan, as attorney-in-fact

05/01/2012

\*\*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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