

WARD JONATHAN P  
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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 \*  
WARD JONATHAN P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/08/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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DOWNERS  
GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common stock \$.01 par value						691,776 <sup>(1)</sup>	D		
Common stock \$.01 par value	09/08/2005		I	406	D	\$ 13.5843	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) plan

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
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 10.5					01/09/2002	01/08/2011	Common Stock	1,630,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 13.83					02/08/2003	02/07/2009	Common Stock	425,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 13.87					02/28/2001	02/27/2007	Common Stock	3,605
2000 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.88					03/18/2004	03/17/2013	Common Stock	172,000
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 10.73					02/13/2005	02/12/2014	Common Stock	190,000
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 13.44					02/11/2006	02/10/2015	Common Stock	190,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WARD JONATHAN P  
3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600  
DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700

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Chairman & CEO

## Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by power of  
attorney

09/09/2005

\_\_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) Direct holdings include 3,366 shares acquired through the ServiceMaster Employee Share Purchase Plan and 3,456 shares acquired through the ServiceMaster Dividend Reinvestment Plan during the period March through September 2005.
- (2) Includes 7 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment feature of the ServiceMaster Profit Sharing and Retirement Plan as of August 31, 2005.
- (3) Exercisable as to 380,000 shares on grant date (January 9, 2001) and becomes exercisable as to an additional 250,000 shares on December 31 in each of the years 2001 through 2005.
- (4) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.  
The option was issued pursuant to the WeServeHomes.com, Inc. 2000 Option/Stock Issuance Plan and is subject to repurchase rights
- (5) upon termination of employment according to the following: 25% of the shares lapse upon first anniversary of grant date and the remainder in a series of 36 successive equal monthly installments.

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