

GRAINGER W W INC
Form 8-K
July 29, 2014

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
July 29, 2014

W.W. Grainger, Inc.
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Illinois | 1-5684 | 36-1150280 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

100 Grainger Parkway, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

(847) 535-1000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On July 29, 2014, the Company's Board of Directors appointed a new director, Rodney C. Adkins. Mr. Adkins will serve on the Company's Board Affairs and Nominating Committee and on its Compensation Committee.

- (d) There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Adkins and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director, and there are no related party transactions between Mr. Adkins and the Company. A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Adkins' appointment is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits (numbered in accordance with Item 601 of Regulation S-K).

| Exhibit No. | Document Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release issued by the Company on July 29, 2014 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: July 29, 2014

W.W. GRAINGER, INC.

By: /s/ David L. Rawlinson
David L. Rawlinson
Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary