

KAPUT JIM L
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FORM 4

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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 *
KAPUT JIM L

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)
08/18/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP & General Counsel

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/18/2005		M	60,000 A \$ 10.52	60,000	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2005		S	60,000 D \$ 13.53	0	D	
Common stock \$.01 par value					62,343 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common stock \$.01 par value					15,770	I	through 401(k) plan

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Common stock \$.01 par value	400	I	Cust. for children
Common stock \$.01 par value	5,208 <u>(2)</u>	I	Deferred Comp

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 8.75					08/08/2001 08/07/2007	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.52	08/18/2005		M	60,000	03/16/2002 03/15/2008	Common Stock	60,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.4125					04/01/2001 03/31/2010	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.83					02/08/2003 02/07/2009	Common Stock	85,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.87					05/04/2000 05/03/2006	Common Stock	54,000

