

KAPUT JIM L  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	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	Amount or Number of Shares
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

