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January 14, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): January 14, 2004

THE SERVICEMASTER COMPANY  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Delaware<br>-----                                 | 1-14762<br>-----         | 36-3858106<br>-----                        |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification Number) |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 3250 Lacey Road, Suite 600, Downers Grove, Illinois<br>----- | 60515<br>----- |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices)                     | (Zip Code)     |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 663-2000  
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Not Applicable  
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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of the businesses acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

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Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release issued by The ServiceMaster Company on January 14, 2004.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 14, 2004, The ServiceMaster Company issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

SIGNATURES

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

THE SERVICEMASTER COMPANY

Date: January 14, 2004

By: /s/ Steven C. Preston  
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Steven C. Preston  
Executive Vice President

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit  
Number Description of Exhibit  
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