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September 17, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549  
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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): September 16, 2003

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

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

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

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 663-2000  
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Not Applicable  
(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.

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits:

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99.1 Press Release issued by The ServiceMaster Company on September 16, 2003.

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 16, 2003, The ServiceMaster Company issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference.

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### 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: September 17, 2003

By: /s/ Steven C. Preston

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Steven C. Preston  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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### EXHIBIT INDEX

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