#### SERVICEMASTER CO

Form 5

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# FORM 5 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EVOLANCE COMMISSION OMB

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

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# ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
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Form 4 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PRESTON STEVEN C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) 3250 LACEY	(First)	(Middle) UITE 600	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004	(Check all applicable)  Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Ex. Vice President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)		

### DOWNERS GROVE, ILÂ 60515-1700

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(City)

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(City)	(State)	Z <sub>1p)</sub> Table	e I - Non-Deri	vative Sec	curitie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed 3. Execution Date, if Transact any Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Securities Fo Beneficially (D Owned at end of Issuer's (In	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Amount	or	Price	Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common stock \$.01 par value	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	74,560	D	Â
Common stock \$.01 par value	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	726 (1)	I	by 401(k) plan
Common stock \$.01 par value	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	17,530 (2)	I	Deferred Comp

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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)	Number Expiration		Expiration Date Under (Month/Day/Year) (Instr.		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	rlying Secui	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An Nu Sha	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.4667	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/13/1999	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value	2:	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.83	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/08/2003	02/07/2009	Common Stock	10	
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.2222	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/13/1998	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value	22	
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.3467	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/13/1998	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value	2:	
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.5911	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/13/2000	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value	2:	
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.7111	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/13/2001	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value	2:	
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.8355	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/13/2002	02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value	2:	
Non-Qual. Stock Option (Right to	\$ 18.075	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	01/29/2000	01/28/2009	Common stock	9	

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Buy)									\$.01 par value	
1998 Non-Qual.Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/31/2000	12/31/2009	Common stock \$.01 par value	23
1998 Non-Qual.Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.2583	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/16/1999	02/15/2008	Common Stock	4:
Senior Ex. Ownership Elec. Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.75	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	08/08/2001	08/07/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value	20
2000 Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.88	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	03/18/2004	03/17/2013	Common Stock	6
2000 Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.52	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	03/16/2002	03/15/2008	Common stock \$.01 par value	25
WSH Emplee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/04/2000	05/03/2006	Common stock \$.01 par value	2
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 10.73	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/13/2005	02/12/2014	Common Stock	50

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>Fg</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PRESTON STEVEN C 3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600 DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515-1700	Â	Â	Ex. Vice President	Â			
Signatures							
Sandra L. Groman by power of attorney	02/10/2005						
**Signature of Reporting Person	Dat	te					

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### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 21 shares acquired through the ServiceMaster Profit Sharing and Retirement Plan during the months of April, July and November 2004.
- (2) Includes 458 shares acquired through the dividend reinvestment feature of the ServiceMaster Deferred Compensation Plan during the months of April, July and November 2004.
- Exercise Vesting/Exercise Prices 1st annivresary 20% exercisable at 110% FMV:\$12.3467 per share 2nd anniversary 20% exercisable at 120% FMV \$15.7111 per share 3rd anniversary 20% exercisable at 130% FMV \$14.5911 per share 4th anniversary 20% exercisable at 140% FMV \$13.4667 5th anniversary 20% exercisable at 150% of FMV \$16.8355 per share FMV Fair Market Value on Grant Date.
- (4) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.
- Option becomes exercisable 10% per year on anniversary date of the grant for a period of 8 years, the 9th anniversary the remaining 20% becomes exercisable..
- In 1999, ServiceMaster entered into a joint venture with Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield & Byers to develop an Internet company, We Serve (6) Homes.com ("WSH"). A WSH option was granted in 2000. On January 11, 2002, the WSH option was converted into a ServiceMaster option at a ratio of 55.48 to 1, pursuant to a merger with a subsidiary of ServiceMaster in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-7.

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