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REPORTING OWNER

BREEN DONALD

CIK: **1287066**

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Mailing Address

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ISSUER

ROTO-ROOTER INC

CIK: **19584** | IRS No.: **310791746** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **7600** Miscellaneous repair services

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of
the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment
Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>BREEN DONALD</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1071 CELESTIAL STREET APT. 1604</u> (Street) <u>CINCINNATI, OH 45202</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/ Year) <u>05/17/2004</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ROTO-ROOTER INC [che]</u>		
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
capital stock	1,000	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/ Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Signatures

donald breen

** Signature of Reporting Person

05/18/2004

Date

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