

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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):
October 1, 2018

CHEMED CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-8351
(Commission File Number)

31-0791746
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification
Number)

2600 First Financial Center, 255 East 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(513) 762-6690

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

On October 1, 2018, Chemed Corporation issued a press release announcing its Roto-Rooter Services Company subsidiary acquiring five formerly independent Roto-Rooter franchises covering several areas of Northern California. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.

d) Exhibit

[\(99\) Registrant's press release dated October 1, 2018](#)

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

CHEMED CORPORATION

Date: October 1, 2018

By: /s/ Michael D. Witzeman
Name: Michael D. Witzeman
Title: Vice President and Controller

Roto-Rooter Buys Five Northern California Franchises – Acquisition is the Company’s Largest to Date

CINCINNATI--(BUSINESS WIRE)--October 1, 2018--Chemed Corporation ("Chemed") (NYSE:CHE) today announced its Roto-Rooter Services Company subsidiary has acquired five formerly independent Roto-Rooter franchises covering several areas of Northern California. This is Roto-Rooter's largest franchise acquisition to date, with annual sales of \$22 million. The territories served by the franchises encompass all or parts of six counties, including Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Solano, Napa, Sonoma and San Benito, with a combined population of approximately four million people. The acquired territories include the cities of San Jose, Santa Rosa, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Vallejo, Concord, Fairfield and Napa.

The sale was effective October 1, 2018. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. This acquisition is part of Roto-Rooter's ongoing strategy of acquiring franchises to boost productivity, market share and profitability.

Listed on the New York Stock Exchange and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Chemed Corporation (www.chemed.com) operates two wholly owned subsidiaries: VITAS Healthcare and Roto-Rooter. VITAS is the nation's largest provider of end-of-life hospice care and Roto-Rooter is the nation's leading provider of plumbing and drain cleaning services.

Statements in this press release or in other Chemed communications may relate to future events or Chemed's future performance. Such statements are forward-looking statements and are based on present information Chemed has related to its existing business circumstances. Investors are cautioned that such forward-looking statements are subject to inherent risk that actual results may differ materially from such forward-looking statements. Further, investors are cautioned that Chemed does not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements based on unanticipated events or changed expectations.

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