
**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) March 8, 2012

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

0-25370
(Commission
File Number)

45-0491516
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5501 Headquarters Drive
Plano, Texas 75024
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(972) 801-1100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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).
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).
 - 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)).
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 8, 2012, Rent-A-Center, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its board of directors declared a cash dividend in the amount of \$0.16 per share payable on April 25, 2012, to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on April 4, 2012.

The press release containing these announcements is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued on March 8, 2012 by Rent-A-Center, Inc.

SIGNATURES

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

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

Date: March 9, 2012

By: /s/ Dawn M. Wolverton

Dawn M. Wolverton

Vice President – Assistant General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued on March 8, 2012 by Rent-A-Center, Inc.

For Immediate Release:

**RENT-A-CENTER, INC.
DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2012**

Plano, Texas, March 8, 2012 — Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the “Company”) (NASDAQ/NGS: RCII), the nation’s largest rent-to-own operator, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a \$0.16 per share cash dividend for the second quarter of 2012 to be paid to the Company’s common stockholders. The dividend will be paid on April 25, 2012, to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on April 4, 2012.

Rent-A-Center, Inc., headquartered in Plano, Texas, is the largest rent-to-own operator in North America, focused on improving the quality of life for its customers by providing them the opportunity to obtain ownership of high-quality, durable goods such as consumer electronics, appliances, computers, furniture and accessories, under flexible rental purchase agreements with no long-term obligation. The Company owns and operates approximately 3,050 stores in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico, and approximately 750 RAC Acceptance kiosk locations in the United States and Puerto Rico. ColorTyme, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, is a national franchiser of approximately 215 rent-to-own stores operating under the trade name of “ColorTyme.” For additional information about the Company, please visit www.rentacenter.com.

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