

A man, a plan, a garbage can

Valley resident comes up with easier way to empty trash

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Jack Fisher was having a rough day.

The 50-year-old chimney sweeper had just finished cutting his grass. He dumped the clippings into a plastic bag inside a galvanized metal trash can.

But, when he lifted the heavy bag, up and out it ripped, scattering clippings all over his feet and the driveway.

He felt a slight strain in his lower back.

Fisher, owner of Chimney Cricket Chimney Sweep and Top Hat Air Systems, got angry.

Frustrated, he kicked the trash can and it tumbled and landed — upside down.

Fisher stared at the upside-down trash can.

Fisher, who has created many impromptu tools during his 25 years as a chimney sweep, immediately saw the "Trash Can of the Future."

"I looked at the upside-down can and I saw the value of having a trash can with a wider bottom and a narrower top," Fisher said.

"I also saw the importance of having a trash can with a removable bottom."

The Easy Dump Trash Can was born.

Fisher began doing research, contacting state and



TRASH OUT: Fisher's invention in action.

federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration as well as companies that might be interested in buying his idea.

"I looked all over and I couldn't find a similar trash can," Fisher said.

He since has experimented with various modifications,

and finally named the new invention, "The Easy Dump Trash Can."

He also filed a patent-pending to protect what he considers a once-in-a-lifetime product and, in 2005, officially formed Easy Dump Products, based at 714 E. McKinley St., Phoenix.

"I estimated I can earn about 90 million dollars

The Easy Dump Trash Can

WHAT IS IT: A trash can with a wider bottom and a narrower top that also has a removable bottom.

DIMENSIONS: The new plastic can holds 23 gallons and is a standard 29 inches high. It weighs a little more than nine pounds. Size could vary, though.

WHERE IS IT? Inventor Jack Fisher is awaiting certification from OSHA and is prepared to manufacture his product with a goal of selling it to large buyers such as hotels, hospitals, bars and restaurants and retail chain stores.

IN THE WORKS: The trash can is being made in a manufacturing firm in Prescott.

in net income the first five years," said the optimistic Fisher, whose ultimate goal, for starters, is to place one or two of his trash cans in all of the households in the United States and dozens, possibly hundreds, in every commercial establishment.

"It will make people's lives easier on a day-to-day basis," Fisher said. "And it will reduce back injuries for everybody, especially working people."

The new can is made of plastic and could sell for a suggested \$38.75 at retail stores. Fisher is the new company's chief executive officer and president. He employs eight workers, including two engineers.

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