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Grass clippings lead to idea

Local inventor devises an easier way to empty trash

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Sometimes frustration is the best motivation.

Glendale businessman Jack Fisher came up with an invention called the Easy Dump Trash Can after getting fed up one day while trying to bag his grass clippings.

He had mowed his lawn and dumped the grass into a bag.

The bag stretched when he tried to lift it out of the trashcan and the grass spilled onto the ground.

Fisher kicked the metal trashcan out of frustration. It landed upside down, and that's when Fisher saw the value of a

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To learn more about the Easy Dump Trash Can, call (602) 469-3983 or visit www.easydumptrashcan.com.

can with a wider bottom and a narrower top.

The patent-pending Easy Dump Trash Can essentially is a plastic upside down trashcan with a removable bottom.

Fisher, 50, said this design prevents plastic trash bags from stretching or ripping. Users place a trash bag inside the can, latch the bottom in place and fill the bag as usual. Instead of lifting the bag out of the can, users unlatch the bottom and lift the plastic can off the bag, leaving the bag and its contents in place.

Fisher said the can also is designed to prevent tree branches or other pointy materials from snagging the bag. Users can put the plastic can inside the bag, dump trash into the bag, and then lift the can out of the bag.

The removable bottom makes it easier to clean, he said.

So far, there are two versions: a 40-gallon can and a 23-gallon waste bin called the Slimline. Both come in a variety of colors designed to match the colors of a company or school.

Fisher established Easy Dump Products Inc. in 2005 to market and develop the product.

Selling a product has been a challenge for Fisher, whose experience primarily has been in selling services. He also owns a chimney-sweep company called Chimney Cricket and an air-duct and dryer-vent cleaning service called Top Hat Air Systems.

He is confident in his invention.

"I'm doing this to make money off of it," Fisher said. "For Easy Dump, it'll make people's lives easier on a day-to-day basis."



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Jack Fisher swears by his Easy Dump Trash Can. He has a patent pending.