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Curbside cleaning of stinky garbage cans is offered through Canology.



Photos courtesy Jason Proctor

At the back end – literally – of home ownership and perhaps a mite lower on the “to do” list is cleaning out the garbage cans. Yard debris and excess food scrap sediments can brew a stew no one wants to investigate. And although your household garbage can contents may have shrunk thanks to a more comprehensive recycling program, the remainder of what goes into the rolling cans could easily be called “untouchable.”

Canology cleans, sanitizes and deodorizes black, blue and green waste containers, at both residential and business sites, and does it curbside.

Owner operator Jason Proctor says garbage can cleaning is a popular service in Europe; he first noticed it in the United Kingdom. Canology is the only company of its kind currently operating in the Bay Area, and is brand new to the streets of Lamorinda.

Canology trucks are giant dishwashers on wheels that can dig out and de-grease the contaminated “goo” residing at the bottom of a waste can. The truck machinery power washes cans using high-pressure heated water (200-degrees sprayed at 3800 psi) and finishes the job with an application of a lemon fragrance, in as little as 10 minutes. The truck collects and filters the

dirty water and sediments.

Proctor’s current Lamorinda customer base is modest – he estimates he currently has 20 to 30 customers, and he says working his trucks on Lamorinda’s hilly terrain might present a challenge. So why not tackle the job yourself?

“Why would you want to?” he retorts; then adds, “I fought giving up cutting my own grass for a long time,” he says. Yet Proctor realized how relieved he was coming home the first time someone else had done that chore. “It’s one less thing I have to do,” he said, adding he considers it money well spent to hire someone to do the work for him.

A one-time Canology cleaning is \$25 for two cans and \$10 for each additional can. Monthly maintenance fees are \$10 for the first can, and \$6.50 for each additional can.

Living decorations on your doorstep and sparkling clean waste containers – how’s that for curb appeal?

For more information on FrontDoor Treatment or Canology, visit www.FrontDoorTreatment.com or www.trycanology.com.



A FrontDoor Treatment arrangement Photo courtesy Erica Bradley-Pacheco