CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A magnetic scoop, comprising:

a handle, and

a bucket having an exterior surface, a diameter, and a tapered tip extending outward from the exterior surface of the bucket in a range of from about 10% to about 30% of the diameter of the bucket,

wherein the handle is magnetic and comprises a strip magnet thereon or comprises a polymeric material having a ferromagnetic powder admixed therein.

2. The magnetic scoop of claim 1, wherein the at least one ferromagnetic powder comprises ferrite powder, ilmenite powder, neodymium, or a combination thereof.

3. The magnetic scoop of claim 1, wherein the tapered tip has a profile defined by a circle having a diameter in a range of from 60% to 80% of the bucket diameter.

4. The magnetic scoop of claim 1, wherein the bucket has a depth of from about 75% to about 250% of the diameter of the bucket.

5. The magnetic scoop of claim 1, wherein:

the bucket has a rim defined by a circumference of a top of the bucket; and

the tapered tip curves outward from the rim oppositely from the handle.