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Dear Readers,

Last week, I mistakenly attributed a letter to the editor concerning the landfill accepting fracked gas wastes as written to the editor of the WV Daily News editor, when, in fact, it was for another paper. For this, I extend my apologies to the Daily News editor. In case you missed last week's column, the landfill doesn't accept fracked gas wastes.

Earth Day is Monday, April 22. Come celebrate with us at the Recycling Center's open house. Enjoy a tour of the facility from 11:00 to 3:00. Employees will be there to answer questions and show you around. Free hot dogs with all the trimmings will served between 11:00 and 2:00.

Hi Recycle Lady,

I use egg shells to fertilize irises and roses. I rinse the shells, let them dry, and then break them into little pieces. I also cut up banana peels in to small pieces and put them around rose bushes. The peels quickly turn brown and disintegrate. Looking Forward to Earth Day

Dear Looking Forward to Earth Day,

I love your suggestions for reusing egg shells and banana peels to fertilize your roses. Thanks for sharing. I will be adding add some of both to my rose beds.

Good morning Recycle Lady,

I have a couple of questions. I have an infant car seat that expired May 2017. It still works well and is in great shape. I spoke to the Evenflo company, the local police department and the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. They all said it has to be put in a landfill! What? So, I wrote the Evenflo company and asked if perhaps they could send it to a third world country for their use. That was just yesterday, so no answer yet. Isn't there any way they, whoever "they" is, can melt down the plastic and reuse it? What a shame. We are totally a throwaway society. I just can't bring myself to put it in the trash! What else can I do? Hate Throwaways

Dear Hate Throwaways,

I spoke with the Recycling Center and, unfortunately, there is nothing here that can be done with a car seat that has expired. I agree with you; we do throw away too much. Recyclers are working to change this now and more change will occur in the future. According to an article in the Charleston Gazette last week, at least 60 chemical companies are racing to develop technology that can return plastic trash to its original hydrocarbon ingredients. This process - call it the unmaking of plastic - creates clean, virgin resin that can be used for new products. According to a Closed Loop report, a \$120 billion market opportunity for recycled materials awaits successful technologies. Companies like Eastman Chemical Co. and Coca-Cola are committing to using more recycled plastic.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center (<http://www.greenbrier-swa.com>) and Greenworks Recycling (<http://greenworksrecyclingwv.com>)