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The other day I was at Kroger's and noticed that they have new recycling containers. In addition to taking single-use plastic bags, they are now taking other kinds of recycling. Shopper

Dear Shopper,

Kudos to Kroger for expanding their plastic recycling! Yes, they are definitely taking other kinds of plastic. In addition to unwanted plastic bags, customers can put in their bread bags, shrink wrap, dry-cleaning bags, and newspaper bags the new, much taller, cylindrical container. Always be sure to remove sales receipts and that everything is clean and empty. Plastic film of all kinds can be recycled to make composite lumber used in making decks, benches, and playground sets.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have a lot of old paperback books, as well as hard back books, that I hate to throw in the trash. Can these books be recycled? Reader

Dear Reader,

Yes, both paperback books and hardback books can be recycled. The paperback books can be put in with magazines. Hard-back books need to be brought to the Recycling Center and given to one of the employees as they must be treated separately. Have you considered donating your used books to local thrift shops or libraries for their book sales? Perhaps you could set up a book swap with friends or a "Free Books" box at any place where people wait - such as a laundromats or waiting rooms. Just be sure to get permission from the staff in the location first.

Hello Recycle Lady,

I want to ask about my old TVs. Can I take those to be recycled or if not, do you know how I can get rid of them? Roger

Dear Roger,

Unfortunately, at this time, the Recycling Center doesn't take TVs for recycling. If the TVs are in good working order, give local assisted living/nursing homes a call. One assisted living/nursing home in the area does accept them and the others may also. Have you tried the Greenbrier County on-line yard sale? Or, what about Restore, located 1431 Jefferson Street North (Route 219 North)? They resell used items as a benefit for Habitat for Humanity. If none of these ideas work out, I am sorry to say, the only alternative I know is to put them in the trash or take them to the landfill.

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 and Greenworks Recycling.