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I have a couple of old knives that I can no longer use. Since they are made of metal, I was wondering if they can be recycled? Love to Cook

Dear Love to Cook,

Yes, your metal knives, can be recycled. Take them to the Aluminum Door of the Recycle Center, ring the bell, and hand the knives to the employee who comes to assist you. Never put them in one of the bins with other items or conceal them in any way. They become hazardous for our employees.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have seven small bags of sand that I no longer need. Is there any organization or business that could use these bags of sand? I don't want to put them in the trash. Reuser

Dear Reuser,

ReStore, a non-profit that accepts and resells items to benefit Habitat for Humanity, said they would accept your sand as they use sand for preparing old cans of paint for disposal. ReStore is located outside Lewisburg on Route 219 N, across from Rosewood Cemetery. (1431 N. Jefferson Street)

Dear Recycle Lady,

In one of your former columns, you said that steel candy boxes can be recycled with steel cans. Yes, that's true, but these boxes can be reused. People buy and sell attractive metal candy boxes on eBay, Facebook, and other places. If someone doesn't want to go through the trouble of selling their box, they can donate it to a thrift store or a nonprofit that sells items as a fundraiser. They also be reused as packaging for a gift or for storing small items. I use decorative candy boxes to store embroidery floss, postage stamps, stickers, and address labels. Candy Lover

Dear Candy Lover,

Thanks for your valuable suggestions. I am sure readers will appreciate the diverse range of suggestions for uses of decorative metal candy boxes and will be happy to know that there are alternatives to recycling, or trashing, their boxes.

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Are red, numbered 1-inch by 2-inch raffle tickets recyclable? Raffle Winner

Dear Raffle Winner,

I am sorry to say, raffle tickets are not recyclable locally. They are so small that they slip through machines during baling or hauling and this creates extra work for our employees.

Good News: To revitalize millions of acres of burned and damaged forests, and to increase the tree population to support planet health, the U.S.D.A will plant more than one billion trees over the next decade. Good news for the planet! (fto.com)

Interesting fact: About 100 miles southeast of New York City, the Hudson Canyon is the largest ocean canyon along the US's Atlantic Coast, and one of the largest in the world. At 10,500 feet below sea level, it's nearly twice as deep as the Grand Canyon!

Join us next Friday from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Recycle Center for interesting conversations, information, and questions. We would love to see you.

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.