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I use Wool Dryer Balls in every dryer load. They soften clothes as well as any dryer sheet and cut down on static cling. I love them. I purchased some organic black ones from Amazon to use in dark loads, however, I have never noticed any lint coming from the white wool balls. Pleased Reader

**Dear Pleased Reader,**

**Thanks for the feedback on the wool dryer balls. I totally agree with you. I used my dryer balls over the weekend and found the advertisements to be true. I can't validate the energy savings, but everything else is good.**

Dear Recycle Lady,

How do I dispose of paint cans that still have paint in them? In some cans, the paint has dried up, in others the paint is still liquid. Painter

**Dear Painter,**

**When the can is empty and dry, it can be recycled with the steel cans. Paint cans with dried up paint go directly into the trash. If the can has any liquid in it, add kitty litter before you put it in the trash. There is a good reason for adding the kitty litter. The landfill's permit states that it cannot accept any free-flowing liquid.**

**Dear Readers,**

As promised in an earlier column, here is a list of some items that are being made from recycled plastic bottles and some other ways that they are being used. Besides more plastic bottles, a large variety of other products are made from plastic: Lumber, fabric, Adidas shoes, fishing nets, Nike soccer uniforms & clothes, t-shirts, bags, shoelaces, lamps, jewelry, tote bags, wallets, rugs, toys, pens, toothbrushes, and toy farm play sets. Some companies indicate the number of bottles they have repurposed to make each item. For example, Nike's Flyknit shoes take 6 bottles, workout clothing (6), Vivobarefoot shoes (17), and Jackets (42). Other companies indicate the total number of bottles they have repurposed. For example, Rothy's shoes that has repurposed 13 million plastic water bottles. There were a couple of other uses that I found interesting. A 1,076 square foot house has been made from 14,000 plastic bottles and in Lagos, some Nigerian mothers collect discarded bottles to pay for school fees.

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