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Today I received a business-size envelope in the mail that looks like cardboard. Can it be recycled with cardboard? Something New Every Day

**Dear Something New Every Day,**

**Yes. Your business-size cardboard envelope can be recycled with cardboard. Similar cardboard envelopes are available in various sizes, and all are recyclable. However, before you throw your envelope in with other pieces of cardboard, take a minute and put it inside a box. Smaller pieces of recyclable items tend to fall out during the baling process. Containing them inside a larger item is helpful. I keep a medium size box handy to put small boxes in before putting them in the recycle bin.**

Dear Recycle Lady,

What about extension cords that are broken, missing connectors or are unusable? Are they recyclable? Handyman

**Dear Handyman,**

**Old cords of any kind are not only accepted at the Recycling Center, but they will also pay you the current market value for the copper in the cords; or you can donate the cords to help offset the Recycling Center's operating expenses. Most anything that has a cord on it, including small appliances, are also accepted. In some instances, the appliances are also recycled after the cord is cut off, for example a coffee pot. Small appliances, and other items with cords, should be taken to the aluminum can door on the right-hand side of the building. Ring the bell and one of the workers will come to assist you.**

Dear Recycle Lady,

I know that brown paper grocery bags can be recycled with cardboard. What about brown paper bags that have handles? Can these bags also be recycled with cardboard? Handles or No Handles

**Dear Handles or No Handles,**

**If the handles on the brown paper bag are made of paper, the bag can be recycled with the handles on it. If the handles are made from other materials, such as plastic, string or ribbon, the handles must be removed before recycling your bag with cardboard.**

Interesting Information: Nemo's Garden, off the coast of Noli, Italy, the world's first underwater farm, is made up of six underwater greenhouses (biospheres) attached to the seafloor with 29 removable screws. Scuba farmers are growing basil, tomatoes, beans, green peas, aloe vera, mushrooms and strawberries in the nutrient-rich sea water. According to [www.atlasobscura.com/places/nemos-garden](http://www.atlasobscura.com/places/nemos-garden), the long-term goal of the project is to create self-sufficient underwater farming that could be applied in parts of the world where water is scarce.

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