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I know that the plastic check-out bags at grocery stores are recyclable, but what about the thinner plastic bags used for vegetables and fruit. Are they recyclable?

Dear Just Wondering,

Yes, the vegetable/fruit bags are recyclable. Kroger and Walmart both accept these bags in their recycling bins, as well as other carry-out plastic bags, cleaner's bags, and the newspapers sleeves.

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

Dear Handyman,

Yes, old cords of any kind are not only accepted at the Recycling Center, they will pay you the current market value for them. Or, you can donate them to help offset the Recycling Center's operating expenses. Small appliances, or most anything that has a cord on it, are also accepted. In some instances, for example a coffee pot, they cut off the cord, then recycle the rest. These items should be taken to the area marked for aluminum cans where one of the workers will help you.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Today I purchased birthday napkins for my daughter's birthday dinner. They were packaged in clear plastic, but there was no recycle designation on the package. Is that plastic recyclable? Hopeful Recycler

Dear Hopeful Recycler,

Yes, clear plastic packaging is now accepted for recycling in the recycling bins at both Kroger and Walmart, along with bread bags, and cleaning bags. The bags that products, such as bread, are packaged in often have a recycle symbol or a "please recycle" on the bags. Fortunately, more and more products are being labeled as recyclable.

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.