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Recently, several envelopes I received in the mail contained perfumed advertisements. I am wondering if they can still be recycled with magazines. Prefer Unscented

Dear Prefer Unscented,

I totally agree with you and wish manufacturers would not include them in mailings. However, the perfume doesn't keep them from being recyclable. All such ads that I have seen have been on slicks, so into the magazine bag or bin they go.

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I received an email from Environmental America stating that "in just 30 short years, the plastics industry will generate as much greenhouse gas pollution as 615 coal-fired power plants. Nearly all plastic is made from fossil fuel sources. Not only do plastics pollute our land and water and kill wildlife, but even their production releases some of the worst greenhouse gases. It's like pouring gas on the fire of our climate crisis." Environmentalist

Dear Environmentalist,

Thanks for the timely information. As individuals and as a community, we all need to do more to reduce our plastic footprint. One of the best, and simplest, ways to do this is to avoid the use of single-use plastics, such plastic bags, straws and stirrers, disposable containers, disposable cups, plates and cutlery, whenever possible.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Can paper that has had something glued on it, but removed, be recycled? This includes identification cards from organizations requesting a donation, as well as advertisements. Just Curious

Dear Just Curious,

Most of the time the answer to your question is yes. As long as you do not have an excessive amount of glue on paper and poster board, you can recycle them with paper. However, if the glued item is on waxy-feeling paper, it can't be recycled.

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.