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I found this site listed on a bag of frozen fruit. It appears to be presenting the next wave of recycling labels. <https://how2recycle.info/> I appreciate the column and I learn new things even after 50 years of recycling involvement. With so many details to track, I look forward to an app that will let one scan an item and get a definitive answer about its recyclability. Appreciatively, Larry

Dear Larry,

Wow! Fifty years of recycling. That's fantastic. If I had a gold star, I would give you one.

Thanks so much for the information about the next wave of recycling labels and your kind words about the column. As stated on the web site, labels are being created that "provide consistent and transparent on-package recycling information to consumers;" a service that is greatly needed.

Hello Recycle Lady,

Boy! Did I ever use a lot of eggs two weeks ago and I have so many egg cartons left! Please tell me the cardboard egg cartons can be recycled with cardboard. The Easter Bunny

Dear Easter Bunny,

Thanks for using cardboard cartons as they definitely can be recycled with cardboard. Plus, cardboard egg cartons and Styrofoam ones and can be donated to egg vendors at your local Farmers Market. They are always greatly appreciated and reused. When trashed, Styrofoam take forever to decompose, plus it takes up a lot of landfill space. Styrofoam that ends up in the environment will eventually break down into smaller bits, which wildlife sometimes mistake for food; the result of which is starvation or worse. So, hop on down to bunny land and resolve to use only cardboard egg cartons. See you next year.

Dear Recycle Lady,

The packaging for a chocolate rabbit I received for Easter had an inset of plastic film on the front of the box to make the chocolate rabbit inside the box visible. Must this plastic film window be removed before putting the box in with cardboard. Chocolate Lover

Dear Chocolate Lover,

Good catch. Yes, unlike windows in envelopes, the plastic film windows in cardboard boxes must be removed before recycling with cardboard. Junk mail goes through a glue removing process that dissolves any plastic windows. Cardboard does not go through this process, so removing the plastic film is necessary.

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.