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I know that prescription bottles aren't usually recyclable. However, one of my prescriptions comes in a brown plastic bottle with a "1" inside the recycle symbol. Is it recyclable? A Reader

Dear Reader,

Yes, the any bottle with a "1" or "2" is recyclable. However, please be sure to remove the part of the label that has your name and information on it as a safety precaution against identity theft. Prescription bottles labels are attached with a strong adhesive so sometimes they are difficult to remove. One way to remove the label is to place the bottle in the door of your freezer for 10 to 15 minutes to make the adhesive brittle. Then, it will peel right off. I tried it and it works!

Dear Recycle Lady,

Do you have any information on tooth brushes that are not made from plastic? I heard that there are some. Curious

Dear Curious,

Yes, non-plastic toothbrushes are available, and they can be purchased at Edith's Store, 1035 Washington Street, East, in Lewisburg across the street from the Greenbrier Valley Theater. She has greenpanda toothbrushes that are described as "luxuriously soft bristles on an ergonomically designed biodegradable bamboo handle." (\$3.39). I use one every day and love it. She also carries razors, paper towels and bath tissue. all of which are made out of recycled materials.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have boxes of photographs that are duplicates of days past. Can they be recycled? Photographer

Dear Photographer,

Unfortunately, photographs are one thing that cannot be recycled. However, before putting them in the trash, have you considered sending extras to family members or friends. If the photographs are old, perhaps you could contact a museum, or someone interested in genealogy. Older photos often have historical interest or can be useful in their research. An interesting collage made up of old photographs of relatives and framed could be a great gift to family members.

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.