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Many foods in the grocery store are packaged in #5 plastic containers. I have heard that they are toxic. Is it safe to reuse these containers? Is it safe to use them in a microwave? Consumer

Dear Consumer,

Current research does not show any evidence that polypropylene plastic, or #5 plastics, leach harmful chemicals when reused. It is generally safe to use them in the microwave. Polypropylene plastics, or #5 plastics, are considered quite stable under heating.

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Have you considered putting a magnet by the metal can bin at the Ronceverte drop-off facility to help folks figure out if their metal is steel or aluminum? Recycler

Dear Recycler,

Thanks for a great idea. I have spoken with the Recycling Center and they are definitely going to put a magnet by the metal can bin as you have suggested.

Dear Readers,

Halloween is approaching and with it a wonderful new way to reuse and recycle. The WV State Police are collecting gently used or new Halloween costumes, accessories, masks, make-up, treat bags and candy pails between now and November 8th. All donated items will be given to Greenbrier County children who otherwise would not experience the magic of dressing up for Halloween as their favorite character or creature. All donations may be dropped off at the West Virginia State Police-Lewisburg Detachment, 381 GMS Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Preferred drop-off times are Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 4:00 pm. If you want to drop off a donation at another time, call 304-647-7600 to ensure that someone will be available to receive your donation. Donations may also be mailed to the above address. The State Police will be collecting donations until Friday, November 8th, so donate your old costumes to be used this Halloween, then donate this year's costumes for the kids to wear next year. This is an opportunity to clean out your closets and make a child's Halloween special!

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.