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Congratulations to our Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority (GCSWA) who received the West Virginia Make It Shine Clean County Award at the 2019 WV Educational Conference on Litter Control & Solid Waste Management. This award recognizes all the county, city, community and individual efforts to make Greenbrier County the cleanest county in the state. Individuals and organizations that participated in any way in programs such as Adopt-A-Highway, Roadsides in Bloom, River or Stream Cleanups, Environmental Education, Earth Day Celebrations, Recycling Programs, the beautification of communities, picking up litter, improvement of public lands or any environmental improvement contributed to their success. The 55-page application for this award was a compilation of the numbers available in each of 10 areas. Kudos to all Greenbrier countians who helped make Greenbrier County shine.

Greenbrier County was well represented at the conference. Bob Bennett, Executive Director of GCSWA, and Myles Yates, General Manager of Greenworks Recycling, were both conference speakers. Board members in attendance were Mike Eltzoeh, Chair, Reba Mohler, and Lucie Refsland. Todd Riggs, Director of Recycling and writer of the application, was also there.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I read that there are now recycled toothbrushes. What materials are used to make these toothbrushes? I understand they are quite good. Curious

Dear Curious,

Eco-friendly and biodegradable non-plastic toothbrushes are available now. Most of these toothbrushes are made with soft or medium bamboo bristles and a wooden handle. There are also some toothbrushes with bristles made from Nylon 4 and handles made from sugar beets; both of which are 100% biodegradable. I use a bamboo toothbrush and I really like it.

To All My Readers. Happy Halloween! Have lots of fun and be safe. Don't forget that the WV State Police will be collecting used Halloween costumes, unused make-up and accessories until November 8.

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.