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I have been recycling my office paper, magazines and newspapers. Are there any types of paper that cannot be recycled? Paper Recycler

Dear Paper Recycler,

Thanks for asking. Yes, there are several types of paper that cannot be recycled. Any kind of paper, whether white, colored, magazine or newspaper, cannot be recycled if it is not dry and clean. Grease and food will not mix with the water needed to break down the paper into fibers. If paper that is greasy, or has food on it, is put in with clean paper, the whole batch is contaminated and cannot be used for recycling.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Is the Greenbrier Valley Solid Waste Company part of the Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority? Their names are so similar. I thought they were the same until a friend said they were not. Confused

Dear Confused,

Your friend is correct, although the two are often confused. The Greenbrier VALLEY Solid Waste Company, which is the trash hauler for Greenbrier County, is a privately-owned business. The Greenbrier COUNTY Solid Waste Authority is an agency of the state of WV, governed by a Board of Directors. The Board meets every third Tuesday at the Recycling Center in Ronceverte and welcomes guests.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Do you accept submersible well pumps? If not, can you suggest disposal options? A Reader

Dear Reader,

Good question. Yes, the Recycle Center does accept submersible well pumps. When you take the pump to the Center, follow the sign for recycling aluminum cans. There will be someone there to help you unload the pump.

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.