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I brought some Organic wool dryer balls. What is the difference between Organic wool dryer balls and natural wool dryer balls? Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Here is a rather simplified explanation. Organic balls are made from the wool of sheep that have not been given any hormones or chemicals. Natural balls are made from the wool of sheep that have been given these. I don't know whether one kind of ball works any better than the other. Readers, do any of you have an opinion as to which ball works best?

Dear Recycle Lady,

Can paper bags be recycled? If so, which bin? Bag Lady

Dear Bag Lady,

Yes, they can be recycled. Not only are they recyclable, they are also decomposable. Paper bags decompose or break down into small pieces, then disintegrate into the environment. Plastic bags, on the other hand, break down into smaller pieces, but never goes away. They stay in the environment for hundreds of years. To answer your second question, the bag/bin your bags are placed in depends on the color of the bag. White bags go in the bin/bag with white paper and brown bags go in the bin/bag with cardboard.

Dear Recycle Lady,

My family eats a lot of ice cream. Can I recycle the cardboard containers? Ice Cream Lover

Dear Ice Cream Lover,

Unfortunately, ice cream cartons contain a waxy or plastic coating, thus are not recyclable. Imagine putting ice cream in a regular cardboard box. What would happen when the ice cream became warm? Quite a mess. Hopefully, someone will create a recyclable ice cream carton one day.

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.