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Question:

Q1. Newspapers have a lot of names of Allah and Rasul (S.A.W), especially Urdu newspapers. What should one do? Can one trash the newspaper? I thought about burying them but it's kind of hard to do that in western countries. can we put them in those paper recycle bins?

Answer:

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatoh

1) The ruling regarding newspapers, pamphlets etc. that contain the name of Allah or verses of the Quran is that they should be wrapped up in a cloth and should be buried inside a ground upon which people rarely walk. In cities, where it is difficult to bury such stuff very often, these papers could be collected and buried when a huge heap is accumulated. If this is also not possible, then one could resort to burning such paper.

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It will not be permissible to put them into paper recycle bins due to the following reasons:

? These recycle bins are handled by non-Muslims, and it is not permissible to hand over papers with Allah?s name or Quranic aayahs to non-Muslims.

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? It is not permissible to make use of paper that contains the name of Allah or verses of the Quran for other purposes.

However, if the name of Allah or the verses of the Quran are erased or written over with a pen in such a way that they are no longer visible, then it will be permissible to put them into the paper recycle bin or use them for some other purpose.

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And Allah knows best

Wassalam

Darul Iftaa, Madrassah In'aamiyyah

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