

Time it takes for garbage to decompose in the environment:

Glass Bottle.....	1 million years
Monofilament Fishing Line...	600 years
Plastic Beverage Bottles.....	450 years
Disposable Diapers.....	450 years
Aluminum Can.....	80-200 years
Foamed Plastic Buoy.....	80 years
Foamed Plastic Cups.....	50 years
Rubber-Boot Sole.....	50-80 years
Tin Cans.....	50 years
Leather.....	50 years
Nylon Fabric.....	30-40 years
Plastic Film Container.....	20-30 years
Plastic Bag.....	10-20 years
Cigarette Butt.....	1-5 years
Wool Sock.....	1-5 years
Plywood.....	1-3 years
Waxed Milk Carton.....	3 months
Apple Core.....	2 months
Newspaper.....	6 weeks
Orange or Banana Peel.....	2-5 weeks
Paper Towel.....	2-4 weeks

Information Source: U.S. National Park Service; Mote Marine Lab, Sarasota, FL.