

How Long 'Till It's Gone? Guess how long items take to break down!			
Source	Item	Recycle / Landfill / Compostable	Length of Time to breakdown
https://www.munciesanitary.org/departm	Aluminum can (soda can)	Recycle	200-500 years
https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resourc	Banana peel	Compost	3 - 4 weeks
http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/cigbu	Cigarette butt	Landfill	10 years
https://www.hercircle.in/engage/fashion	Cotton rag	Landfill	3 months
https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resourc	Glass bottle	Recycle	1 million years
https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resourc	Leather shoes	Landfill	35 - 50 years
https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resourc	Paper bag	Compost	2-5 months
https://business-ethics.com/2010/09/17/	Plastic bag	Landfill	10-100 years
https://www.wwf.org.au/news/blogs/the-	Plastic water bottle	Recycle	450 years
https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resourc	Styrofoam cup	Landfill	1000 - forever
https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resourc	Tin can (soup or vegetable can)	Recycle	50-100 years
https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resourc	Wool sock	Landfill	1 - 5 years
https://compostinghub.com/how-long-dc	Cardboard lunchroom tray (clean)	Recycle	1 year
https://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/	Plastic fork	Landfill	up to 1000 years
https://www.wwf.org.au/news/blogs/the-	Plastic Straw	Landfill	200 years
https://stacker.com/stories/2682/how-lo	Potato Chip bag	Landfill	forever
https://stacker.com/stories/2682/how-lo	Orange peel	Compost	6 months
https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz/resourc	Milk carton	Recycle *	5 years
https://www.statista.com/statistics/11924	Plastic toothbrush	Landfill	500 years
https://compostinghub.com/how-long-dc	Cardboard box	Recycle	1 year
https://stacker.com/stories/2682/how-lo	Paper Towel	Compost	2 - 4 weeks
https://stacker.com/stories/2682/how-lo	Disposable diaper	Landfill	250 - 500 years
	* Recyclable in some facilities		
	These are how long plastics take until they are no longer discernible in a landfill. However, petroleum based plastics never truly biodegrade. It will be indefinitely, as plastics turn into microplastics that will end up in our soil and waterways.		