

How Long Does it Take to Decompose?

Glass bottle:	1 million years
Monofilament fishing line:	600 years
Plastic beverage bottles:	450 years
Disposable diapers:	450 years
Aluminum can:	80-200 years
Boot sole:	50-80 years
Styrofoam cup:	50 years
Tin can:	50 years
Leather:	50 years
Nylon fabric:	30-40 years
Plastic film cannister:	20-30 years
Plastic bag:	10-20 years
Cigarette filter:	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

The above information was taken from the Pocket Guide to Marine Debris from the Ocean Conservancy.