

Resource: 4. Oh No! Plastic in my food! Plastic everywhere!
Appendix: 4.6 - How long does it take for trash to decompose



Leather
50 years

Nylon Fabric
30-40 years

Plywood
1-3 years

Apple Core
2 months

Tin Can
50 years

Plastic Bag
10-20 years

Foamed Plastic Cup
50 years

Rubber-Boot Sole
50-80 years

Monofilament Fishing Line
600 years

Plastic Film Container
20-30 years

Newspaper
6 weeks

Paper Towel
2-4 weeks

Foamed Plastic Buoy
80 years

Wool Sock
1-5 years

Disposable Diaper
450 years

Waxed Milk Carton
3 months

Compostable Packages
2 - 12 weeks
(when disposed of in a proper composting facility)

Cigarette Butt
1-5 years

Glass Bottle
1 million years

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