

Waste Product Decomposition Time

Banana Skin	3 - 4 weeks	
Paper Bag	1 month	
Cardboard	2 months	
Wool Sock	1 year	
Orange Peel	Up to 2 years	
Cigarette Butts	Up to 12 years	
Plastic Bags *	Up to 20 years	
Polyfilm wrapping (cling wrap)*	25 years	
Leather Shoe	Up to 45 years	
Tin Cans	50-75 years	
Plastic Bottle *	450 years	
Plastic 6-pack Holder*	500 years	
Disposable Nappies	550 years	
Polystyrene Cups*	>500 years	
Aluminium Cans	>1 million years/ Forever?	
Glass	1-2 million years	

* Even though these products break down in the times indicated they are still petrochemical products and will always remain in the environment.