



Trash Timeline Activity Cards

TEACHER RESOURCE

Make a copy of this page. Cut out the photos and date tags for the **Trash Timeline Activity**. Match the item to the time it takes for it to decompose.



STEEL CAN



ALUMINUM CAN



NEWSPAPER



FOOD WASTE



STYROFOAM CUP



PLASTIC BAG



CIGARETTE BUTT



HOODIE



SHOE



PAPER PLATES



PLASTIC BOTTLE



GLASS JAR

6 WEEKS

5 YEARS

40 YEARS

200 YEARS

2 YEARS

5 YEARS

50 YEARS

450 YEARS

5 YEARS

20 YEARS

200 YEARS

1,000,000 YEARS

ANSWERS: Newspaper, 6 Weeks; Orange Peel, 2 Years; Cigarette Butt, 5 Years; Leather Shoe, 5 Years; Plastic-Coated Paper (Paper Plate), 5 Years; Plastic Bag, 20 Years; Nylon Fabric (Hoodie), 40 Years; Steel Food Can, 50 Years; Aluminum Can, 200 Years; Styrofoam Cup, 200 Years; Plastic Bottle, 450 Years; Glass Bottle, 1,000,000 Years

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