

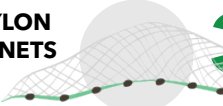


# GREEN FINS

# HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR OUR TRASH TO BREAK DOWN?


FRUIT PEEL  **4 - 2**  
WEEKS YEARS

CIGARETTE BUTTS  **10-12**  
YEARS

NYLON FISHING NETS  **30-40**  
YEARS

LEATHER  **25-50**  
YEARS

FOAM BUOYS  **80**  
YEARS

BATTERIES  **100**  
YEARS

DIAPERS & SANITARY PRODUCTS  **450+**  
YEARS

POLYSTYRENE CUPS  **500+**  
YEARS

SINGLE-USE SACHETS (LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE)  **500-1000**  
YEARS

GLASS BOTTLES  **1M+**  
YEARS

OUR LIFETIME

**5** YEARS  TETRA PACK DRINK CARTONS

**10-20** YEARS  PLASTIC BAGS

**30-40** YEARS  NYLON FABRIC

**50** YEARS  TIN CANS

**80-200** YEARS  SODA CANS (ALUMINUM)

**450** YEARS  PLASTIC BOTTLES

**450+** YEARS  PPE: SINGLE-USE FACE MASKS

**600** YEARS  MONOFILAMENT FISHING LINE

**1K** YEARS  PVC CARDS (PHONE CARDS, IDs, ETC.)

REMEMBER, PLASTIC PRODUCTS NEVER TRULY DEGRADE. THEY ARE BROKEN DOWN INTO TINY FRAGMENTS CALLED **MICROPLASTICS** WHICH REMAIN IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND ENTER OUR FOOD CHAIN.

## WHY IS LITTERING BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

Trash that ends up in the sea is often eaten by animals, which can harm or even kill them. It is also a problem for humans because we are at the top of the food chain. This means we end up eating our own trash! It also ruins the beauty of the sea, causes injury and death to animals through entanglement, reduces tourists visiting, damages boats and carries diseases. **BE PART OF THE SOLUTION: DON'T LITTER!**

