**Approximate Time it takes for Garbage to Decompose in the Environment**

*Information source – National Park Service*

Paper Towels 2-4 weeks

Waxed Mild Carton 3 months

Plastic Bottle 450 years

Orange Peel 2-5 weeks

Aluminum Can 80-200 years

Plastic Bag 10 – 20 years (however, resources say never entirely, because it breaks down into tiny particles)

Fishing Line 600 years

Foam Cup 50 years

Cigarette Butts 1-5 years

Newspaper 6 weeks

Nylon Fabric 30 – 40 years

Glass Bottle 1 million years

Estimated individual item time lines depend on production composition and environmental conditions