

How Long? (Geography – Coastal Debris)

KS4

Can you identify how long it takes for these common rubbish items takes to biodegrade in the ocean?



NEWSPAPER



CARDBOARD



WAXED CARTON



COTTON ROPE



CIGARETTE BUTT




PLASTIC BAG



STYROFOAM




ALUMINIUM CAN



6-PACK RINGS



PLASTIC BOTTLE



DIAPERS



GLASS BOTTLE

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Answers: How long is it?

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6 WEEKS



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2 MONTHS



CARDBOARD

3 MONTHS



WAXED CARTON

14 MONTHS



COTTON ROPE

1-5 YEARS



CIGARETTE BUTT

20 YEARS



PLASTIC BAG

60 YEARS



STYROFOAM

200 YEARS



ALUMINIUM CAN

400 YEARS




6-PACK RINGS

450 YEARS



PLASTIC BOTTLE

475 YEARS



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GLASS BOTTLE