

Litter Breakdown Times

How long items take to decompose when discarded as litter

Paper – 1 month



Apple – 2 months



Cotton Clothes – 5 months



Banana Peel – Up to 2 years



Cigarette Butt – 2 to 5 years



Steel Can – 80 to 100 years



Aluminium Can – 200 to 500 years



Plastic Bottle – 450 years



Disposable Nappy – 300 to 500 years



Glass Bottle - Never

