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What did you **WASTE** today?

All organic materials go through a breakdown or decaying process called decomposition. Inorganic materials, however, do not. They stay with us for a long, long time - some even way past our life span! So the next time you consume something, think about the long term effect. Use only the things you need.

PLEASE CONSUME WISELY!

newsprint
2 - 4 weeks



wax paper
3 months

painted wood
10 years



styrofoam
indetermined

paper
3 weeks



plastic bottle
400-1000 years



glass bottle
indetermined



beverage tin
200 - 500 years



cigarette
3 - 4 weeks

cigarette butt
3 months



plastic bag
(non degradable)
100 years



kitchen waste
3 - 4 weeks



leather
more than 100 years



plastic
indefinite/indeterminable

Medical Waste

Technitium 99m - about 6 hours
Galium 67 - about 78 hours
Iodine 131 - about 8 days