

WASTE AND OUR HABITS – YOU’VE GOT TIME

TIME PREDICTION

Different types of waste break down (**degrade**) over different time frames depending on what they are made of and what environmental conditions they are exposed to. This is referred to as an item’s **degradation period**.

Use the table below to estimate how long you think it takes each of the listed waste items to break down in a **landfill**.

Item of Waste	Estimated Degradation Period	Actual Degradation Period
Aluminum can		
Glass		
Head of lettuce		
Single-use plastic water bottle		
Chip bag		
Single-use coffee cup		
Styrofoam		

