

Dear Friend,

Look at how long some of the things we throw in the trash take to decompose.

Glass Bottle.....	1 million years
Monofilament Fishing Line ...	600 years
Plastic Beverage Bottles.....	450 years
Disposable Diapers.....	80-200 years
Aluminum Can.....	80 years
Tin Cans.....	50 years
Leather.....	50 years
Nylon Fabric.....	30-40 years
Plastic Bag.....	10-20 years
Cigarette Butt.....	1-5 years
Plywood.....	1-3 years
Waxed Milk Carton.....	3 months
Apple Core.....	2 months
Newspaper.....	6 weeks
Orange or Banana Peel.....	2-5 weeks
Paper Towel.....	2-4 weeks

Until these things decompose, they just sit there in landfills taking up space. Some things that we throw can even pollute the environment when you leave it in the landfill. But you can do 3 things to make those landfills have a little less trash. You can reduce, which means you are using less of that thing. For example, you can reduce the number of glass bottles by just drinking from reusable cups. You can also reuse, which means you use that thing again. If you have an empty tin can, use it for a pencil holder. And finally, when you recycle, you convert one thing into a brand new thing. Like if I want to recycle an aluminum can, I can put the can in the recycling bin and the recycling depot processes the aluminum can to make a new one. So stop throwing things in the trash and reduce, reuse, and recycle them!

Sincerely,  
Your Earth



**REDUCE ♻️ REUSE**  
**RECYCLE**