

Read the following fact sheet.

Decomposition Time of Waste Items

People around the world are generating a lot of waste. Do you know how long waste items take to decompose when buried in the landfills? Different waste items have different time lengths to decompose.

- tin cans: 80 to 100 years
- nylon fabric: 30 to 40 years
- plastic beverage containers: 100 years
- plastic jugs: 1 million years
- styrofoam: do not decompose
- aluminium cans: 200 to 500 years
- banana/orange peels: 3 to 4 weeks
- leather shoes: 40 to 50 years
- newspapers: 3 to 6 months
- cigarette butts: 2 to 5 years
- rubber soles: 50 to 80 years
- glass jars/bottles: do not decompose



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Plastic beverage containers	Plastic jugs
Styrofoam	Aluminium cans
Banana/orange peels	Leather shoes
Newspapers	Cigarette butts
Rubber soles	Glass jars/bottles

Sequence the order of the waste items according to their decomposition time.

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