



The **Environment & Climate Crisis** Action Group

THE LITTER LIST

That thrown away item is never "away". It will be around for a long time! As litter breaks down, bacteria form, producing methane adding to global warming. Plastics release harmful chemicals which can pollute water courses, harming marine life. Litter can attract animals harming pets and wildlife if they ingest it.

So how long does it take for litter to decompose?

- * **Cigarette Butts - 2 years +**
- * **Food Wrappers & Plastic Bags - 10 to 20 years**
- * **Disposable Nappies - 30 to 40 years**
- * **Coffee or Tea Cups - 50 years**
- * **Crisp Packets - 75 to 80 years**
- * **Conventional Wet Wipes - up to 100 years**
- * **Drinks Cans - 80 to 200 years**
- * **Plastic Bottles - up to 450 years**

So please be responsible. Do not litter. Find a bin or take your litter home.

