

Common litter found along Minnesota roadways

Litter	Waste Time to Biodegrade
Aluminum Foil	80-100 years
Batteries	100 years
Butcher Paper / Food Wrap	This does not biodegrade
Cardboard	2 months
Cellophane Wrap	Up to 4 months
Cigarette Butt	up to 10 years
Cotton Rag	5 months
Disposable Diapers	500-600 years
Food Scraps	1-6 months
Glass Bottle	1 Million years
Leather	up to 50 years
Lumber	10-15 years
Milk/Juice Cartons (wax coated cardboard)	5 years
Magazine	100 years
Nylon Fabric	30-40 years
Painted Wooden Stake	13 years
Paper (coffee cup, bag, newspaper, non-coated paper plate)	2-5 months
Paper Towel	4 weeks
Plastic Holder and Drink Cup (beverage six pack rings, 16oz cup)	450 years
Plastic Shopping Bag	At least 1,000 years
Soft Plastic (bottles, food container etc.)	20-30 years
Hard Plastic (bottle caps,	400 years
Plywood	3 years
Receipts coated with BPA	This does not biodegrade
Rope non-plastic	14 months
Rubber Boot Sole	50-80 years
Sanitary Pads	500-800 years
Styrofoam / Polystyrene (cups, plates, containers etc.)	This does not biodegrade
Tin Cans	50-100 years
Wool Clothing	1-5 years