



Yorkshire
Wildlife Trust



Our Plastic Oceans

Let's clean them up! Look at how long it takes to get rid of these items found in our oceans. Materials like plastics break down into smaller and smaller pieces until they become microplastics. These can be eaten by plankton, the very bottom of the food chain, and wreak havoc on our marine wildlife.

Newspaper 6 weeks



Apple core 2 months



Cardboard box 4 months



Plywood 2 years



Cigarette butt 4 years



Cotton T-shirt 5 months



Sweet wrapper 3 months



Rubber 80 years



Disposable nappy 450 years



Film canister 30 years



Wool socks 3 years



Plastic bag 20 years



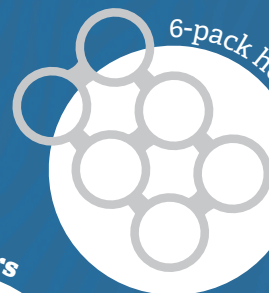
Tin can 50 years



Drinks can 300 years



6-pack holder 400 years



Leather 70 years



Plastic bottle 500 years



Fishing line 600 years



Paper towel 4 weeks



Why not do your bit and reduce our 'Waves of Waste'. Ask about how you can help. Just removing a piece of plastic from the beach is a start.