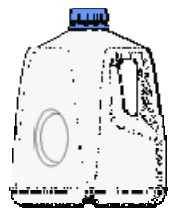




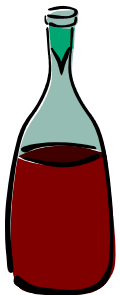
# HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?



**Decompose:** to break down



- Banana peel.....2-5 weeks
- Paper.....1-3 month
- Wool socks.....1-5 years
- Milk carton.....5 years
- Disposable diaper.....10-20 years
- Tin can.....80-100 years
- Aluminum can.....200-400 years
- Glass.....1 million years
- Hard plastic containers.....unknown



*The time to break down for each item is based on exposure to the elements such as sun, air, and water. In a landfill all of these items would take much longer!*

