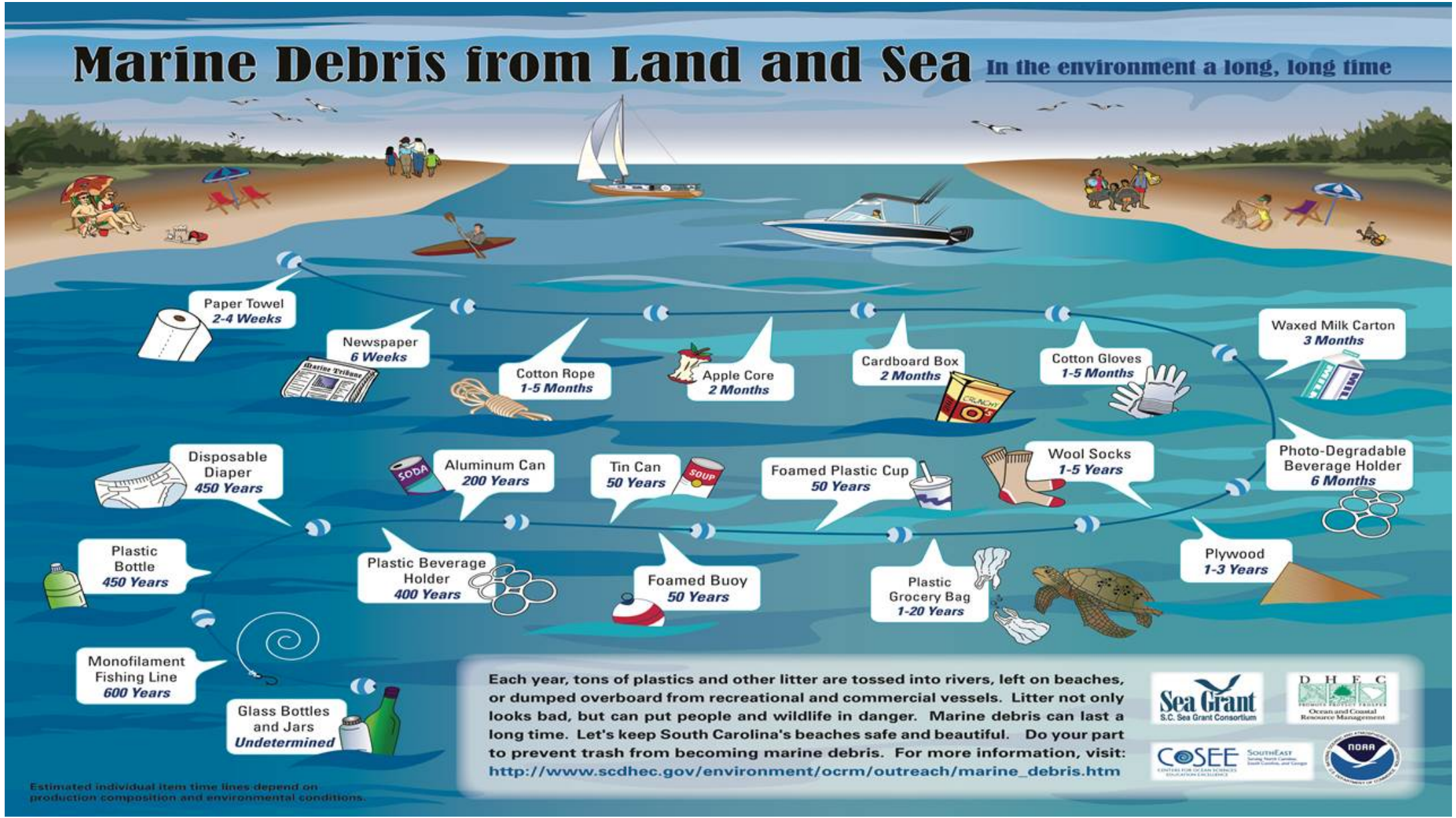


Marine Debris from Land and Sea In the environment a long, long time



Paper Towel
2-4 Weeks

Newspaper
6 Weeks

Cotton Rope
1-5 Months

Apple Core
2 Months

Cardboard Box
2 Months

Cotton Gloves
1-5 Months

Waxed Milk Carton
3 Months

Disposable Diaper
450 Years

Aluminum Can
200 Years

Tin Can
50 Years

Foamed Plastic Cup
50 Years

Wool Socks
1-5 Years

Photo-Degradable Beverage Holder
6 Months

Plastic Bottle
450 Years

Plastic Beverage Holder
400 Years

Foamed Buoy
50 Years

Plastic Grocery Bag
1-20 Years

Plywood
1-3 Years

Monofilament Fishing Line
600 Years

Glass Bottles and Jars
Undetermined

Each year, tons of plastics and other litter are tossed into rivers, left on beaches, or dumped overboard from recreational and commercial vessels. Litter not only looks bad, but can put people and wildlife in danger. Marine debris can last a long time. Let's keep South Carolina's beaches safe and beautiful. Do your part to prevent trash from becoming marine debris. For more information, visit: http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/ocrm/outreach/marine_debris.htm

Estimated individual item time lines depend on production composition and environmental conditions.

