



**I pledge to keep the sea  
free of marine debris!**

Lasso in your trash and help keep Crabby's home clean. By making this pledge, you promise to prevent marine debris by properly discarding trash.

### How long does it last? Did you know

that many common debris items can persist in the marine environment for many years? Try to match the following common marine debris items with their estimated lifetime in the ocean:

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| A. Plastic bag       | 1. 2 months   |
| B. Aluminum can      | 2. Forever    |
| C. Fishing line      | 3. 50 years   |
| D. Styrofoam         | 4. 450 years  |
| E. Disposable diaper | 5. 200 years  |
| F. Glass bottle      | 6. 6 weeks    |
| G. Paper bag         | 7. 600 years  |
| H. Apple core        | 8. 1-20 years |

ANSWERS: A,8; B,5; C,7; D,3; E,4; F,2; G,6; H,1



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### Tips to Prevent Marine Debris:

1. Always properly discard trash.
2. Reduce, reuse, or recycle when possible.
3. Use ashtrays for cigarette filters.
4. Never place trash in the bed of a truck.
5. Use reusable grocery bags.
6. Cut beverage rings into small pieces before properly discarding.
7. Properly discard used fishing line and other tackle.
8. While boating off-shore, secure all refuse onboard until it can be properly discarded.
9. Participate in or organize community debris removal programs.
10. LEAD BY EXAMPLE: Encourage others to follow marine debris prevention methods.