

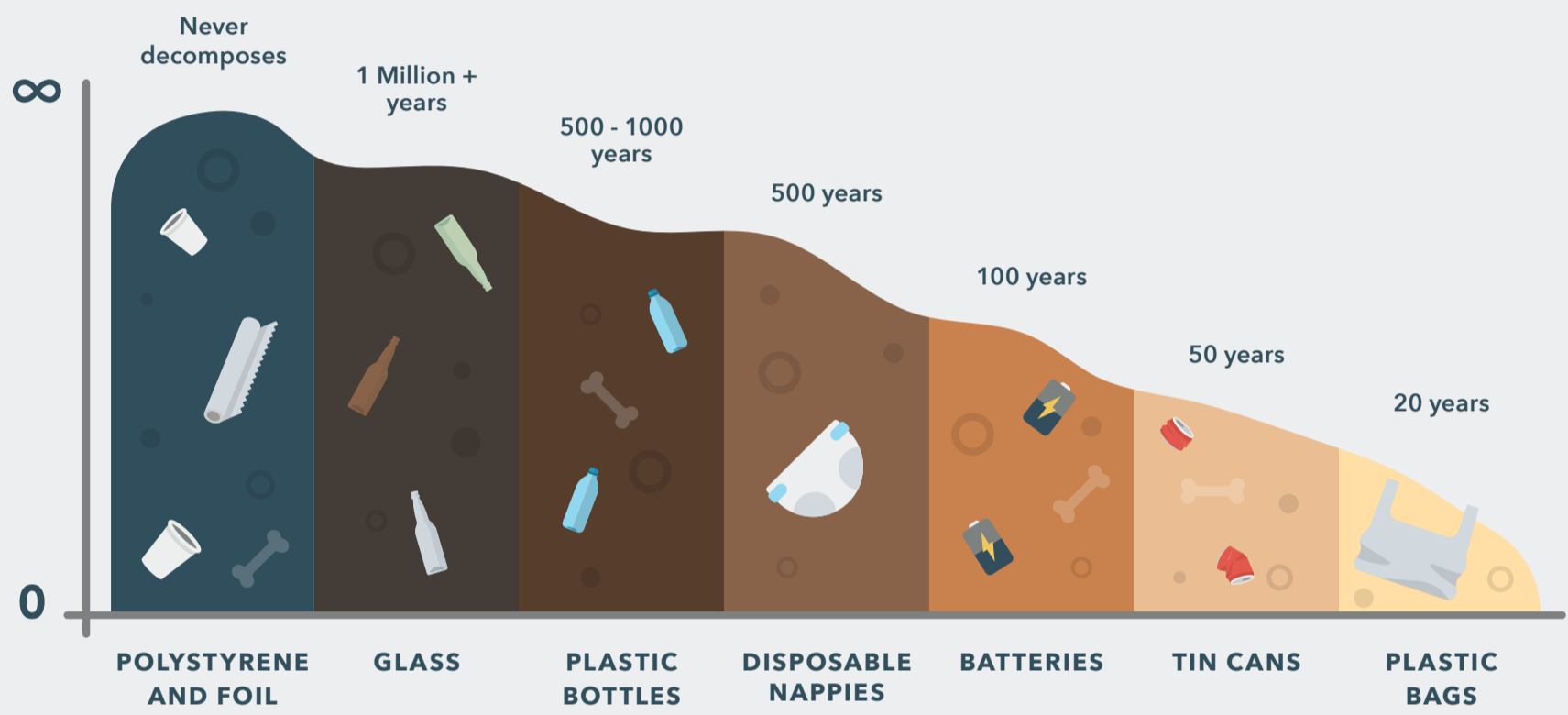
# RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

## WHY WE SHOULD REDUCE OUR WASTE

Instead of throwing all our rubbish away, we need to think about what can be recycled and what can be reused



### HOW LONG DOES WASTE TAKE TO DECOMPOSE?



### TIPS FOR REDUCING WASTE



**Tip 1**  
Buy only what you need



**Tip 2**  
Avoid products with a lot of packaging



**Tip 3**  
Avoid disposable razors, plates or cups



**Tip 4**  
Print both sides of any paper you use

### TIPS FOR REUSING ITEMS



**Tip 1**  
Reuse glass bottles instead of buying plastic ones



**Tip 2**  
Repair items instead of replacing them



**Tip 3**  
Borrow or rent items only needed for a short period



**Tip 4**  
Reuse plastic grocery bags when shopping

### I CAN RECYCLE:

- ✓ Paper and cardboard
- ✓ Tins
- ✓ Glass
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Plastic
- ✓ TetraPak juice and milk cartons
- ✓ Compostable/biodegradable food

### I CAN'T RECYCLE:

- ✗ Wet or dirty paper
- ✗ Adhesive and laminated paper
- ✗ Dry dog/cat food bags
- ✗ Cling film/wrap
- ✗ Disposable nappies
- ✗ Cigarette butts
- ✗ Chip packets and containers

Check your recycling service provider or drop-off site first on what they take.

Together we can reduce the amount of waste we produce and achieve a clean, green city. Visit [www.capetown.gov.za](http://www.capetown.gov.za) for more recycling and waste reduction tips.



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