**Garbage Game – “How Long Does It Last”**

**Materials:**

* Find a list of materials and the decomposition rates that you are comfortable with
* Put together multiple zip-lock bags of garbage that covers the range from quick decomposition to never decomposing.
* Make 5 bucket with the following labels large enough for participants to read at a moderate distance
  + 0 – 1 YEAR
  + 1 – 5 YEARS
  + 5 – 100 YEARS
  + 100 – 1000 YEARS
  + NEVER
* Color code or mark on the back of the bucket a color code or symbol that matches with the bag of material for the decomposition rate

**How to Play:**

* Have participant sit on the ground or stay in their seats if sitting
* It works best if the buckets can be up on a table
* Hold up a bag and explain the contents
* Ask how long it would take for the item to decompose. No calling out answers, raised hands only.
* If correct answer, drop the item into the correct bucket
* If incorrect answer, ask for another response
* All correct or incorrect answers can have the leader follow-up on the reason for the decomposition rate  
    
    
  