

What is Biodegradable?

Some materials can be easily turned back into elements we find in nature - like paper, and food scraps. Microorganisms, like bacteria, help break down or decompose these materials. Once they are broken down they can be easily absorbed into the soil. Most materials that come from plants and animals biodegrade fairly quickly. Materials like plastic and metal don't break down quickly or return to natural elements.

Instructions: Circle the objects that are biodegradable



