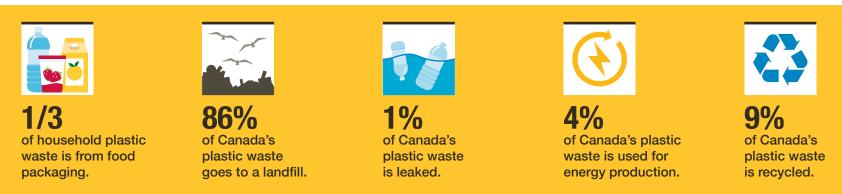
## **Petroleum-based Plastics vs. Bio-based Plastics**

The material used to make plastic packaging does not necessarily dictate its end-of-life destination. Some petroleum-based plastics can be biodegradable, some bio-based plastics are not biodegradable, and both types of plastics can be recyclable.



100's to 1000's of years

down into microplastics



Source: Minister of Environment of Environmental and Climate Change. 2019. Economic Study of the Canadian Plastic Industry, Markets And Waste.



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