

## Haiti Imposes Ban on Plastic Bags

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You can see plastic and foam food containers everywhere including canals, cluttering streets and the oceans lining the Caribbean nations. With the situation turning more alarming, the Haiti government has announced a ban on the import, manufacture or sale of plastic bags and disposable foam products as of October 1. Most of these products are now imported into Haiti from the Dominican Republic.



According to Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe, the ban mainly targets the nation's massive wastage problem and the long-term environmental interest.

The main aim of this initiative is to protect the nation's coastline, shores and the remaining mangrove forests. The mass floods, which hit the nation due to this massive wastage, cost the state more than \$50 million a year.

In Haiti, the poor mainly rely on black plastic bags to transport items. After using them, they dump these bags haphazardly into canals, turning them into rivers of garbage.

Environment groups have already started campaigns against plastic litter in many countries. Many international cities like while Mexico City, Bangladesh, and most recently Toronto have already imposed plastic bag bans. With [Haiti](#) too joining in, let's hope people would take things seriously from now on.