

Press Release

The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forest, Government of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) in co-ordination with the District Administration and urban local bodies are taking serious efforts to curb the Single Use Plastics and are strictly implementing enforcement measures on the ban of Single-Use Plastics items which also include plastic carry bags and non-woven bags irrespective of size and thickness.

It is to be noted that carry bags used for the purpose of carrying or dispensing commodities essentially made from high polymer such as polyethylene terephthalate, high density polyethylene, Vinyl, low density polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene resins etc. as notified in the ban notification are strictly banned.

Nowadays, plastic carry bags in the name of 'woven bags' or 'Ruffian bags' are widely available among the vendors, shopkeepers and commercial establishments such as textile shops, super markets, shopping malls etc. for dispensing flower, food, vegetables, groceries, textiles, etc. These single-use plastic items or disposable plastics are used only once before they are thrown away and littered. These littered plastics are of no value and causes huge threat to living beings on land and marine life on waterbodies like lakes/rivers/sea and ocean. These single use plastics are also banned. The manufacture, selling and distributing of these plastics is a violation as per the Notification on Ban on Single Use Plastics issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

To make the Tamil Nadu as Single Use Plastic free, the Government of Tamil Nadu, with all its efforts on implementing the ban, needs cooperation and support from people in prohibiting the use of single-use plastics items especially plastic carry bags in any form.

As a responsible citizen to eliminate huge threat facing our planet, let us take a resolution in the Tamil New Year "Avoid Single Use Plastics" and "Use Eco-friendly Alternatives to Single Use Plastics".

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