

Country-level restrictions on single-use plastic

Snapshot as of December 2018. Not a comprehensive list

2002

- Bangladesh becomes the first country to implement a [nationwide ban on single-use plastic bags](#).

2008-2016

- More than a dozen African nations ban single-use plastic bags, including
 - [Rwanda](#) (2008)
 - [Gabon](#) (2010)
 - [The Republic of Congo](#) (2011)
 - [Mali](#) (2013)
 - [Mauritania](#) (2013)
 - [Cameroon](#) (2014)
 - [Niger](#) (2014)
 - [The Republic of Gambia](#) (2015)
 - [Madagascar](#) (2015)
 - [Malawi](#) (2015)
 - [Morocco](#) (2015)
 - [Guinea-Bissau](#) (2016)
 - [Senegal](#) (2016)

2015

- The United Kingdom imposes a 5-pence charge on single-use plastic bags
- The United States bans [the use of plastic microbeads in rinse-off cosmetic products](#), effective in 2018

2016

- France becomes the first country to [ban plastic plates, cups and utensils](#), starting in 2020
- The United Kingdom announces a [ban on plastic microbeads in rinse-off cosmetic products](#), effective in 2018
- Canada announces a [ban on the sale of shower gels, toothpaste and facial scrubs containing microbeads](#), effective in July 2018
- Monaco [bans single-use plastic checkout bags](#), later expanding the ban to include all plastic bags used for packing goods in stores
- The Caribbean island nations of Aruba, Antigua and Barbuda [ban single-use plastic bags](#)

2017

- Kenya implements the [world's strictest ban on single-use plastic bags](#)
- Monaco announces [a ban on plastic utensils](#), effective in 2020
- Costa Rica launches an effort to [eliminate all single-use plastics by 2020](#)
- Zimbabwe announces a [ban on expanded polystyrene](#)
- Pacific Island nations—including The Seychelles, the Marshall Islands, Niue, Vanuatu, Samoa and Papua New Guinea—[ban plastic bags](#) and other single-use plastic products
- Malaysia implements [a ban on non-biodegradable plastic bags](#)

2018

- Scotland [proposes to ban plastic straws](#) by the end of 2019
- Taiwan announces [a phased ban on single-use plastic products](#) including bags, straws, food containers, cups and utensils by 2030
- The European Union announces its [Plastic Waste Strategy](#), which aims to ensure every piece of packaging on the continent is reusable or recyclable and 55% of all plastic is recycled by 2030.
- The European Parliament approves a ban on single-use plastic cutlery, straws and cotton swabs by 2021, and requires that 90% of plastic bottles be recycled by 2025.
- India pledges to [eliminate single-use plastic products](#), including plastic bags, utensils and some bottles, effective in 2022
- The United Kingdom announces its intent to [ban sales of plastic straws, stirrers, and cotton swabs](#) as early as 2019, and to [eliminate all avoidable plastic waste by 2042](#)
- Chile becomes the [first country in the Americas to ban single-use plastic bags](#)
- The Maldives, which implemented a 400% import levy on non-biodegradable plastic bags in 2015, announces a [plan to intercept ocean plastic](#)
- The leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom agree to tackle plastic pollution through the [G7 Ocean Plastics Charter](#).