



“Swachh Bharat Citizens’ Network”

(An initiative by Ministry of Urban Development and LocalCircles)

Eliminating use of Plastic Bags/Packaging

1. Buyers should be made to pay a significant extra amount to use plastic bags. This way they will start avoiding it
2. Citizens should be encouraged to carry a jute bag with them whenever they go to the market
3. Use of poly bags could be discouraged through taxation as a short term step
4. Use of Jute, Cloth and Paper Bags should be glamourized and promoted. Could even be made mandatory in malls and shopping complexes
5. Awareness should be spread amongst the masses as to why elimination of plastic bags is important for the benefit of all
6. Children should be taught in schools about not using plastic bags
7. Media should be used extensively and effectively (with high impact ads highlighting the health and environment hazards) to stop using the polybags
8. Government should invest in the R&D/collaborate with other countries to find a suitable and cheap substitutes to plastic packaging
9. A complete ban on plastic/poly bags and plastic packaging by Dec 2017 should be implemented by Central and all State Governments with manufacturing of these products made an offence
10. A raid/crackdown should be implemented on any unauthorized factories manufacturing plastic bags/packaging in 2018 to ensure 100% compliance by Dec 2018.
11. A parallel raid/crackdown on retail shops using plastic bags/packaging in 2018

This checklist is prepared from the responses received in the 245,000 strong Swachh Bharat Citizens’ Online Community on LocalCircles, about what could be done to eliminate use of plastic bags/packaging