

Indian capital to ban use of all plastic bags

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(AP)—The government of India's capital is hoping that a strict ban on plastic bags will help the environment.

An engineer with Delhi's government says that starting next week, the manufacture and sale of all types of [plastic sheets](#) and bags will be banned in the city, citing their environmental dangers.

B.M.S Reddy said Wednesday that the ban will include shopping bags, garbage bags and all kinds of [plastic film](#) and storage packets. Only plastic bags required for [medical waste](#) will be exempt.

In 2009, Delhi banned the use of plastic shopping bags, but authorities have had little success enforcing the ban.

Plastic bags also pose a risk to the thousands of cows that roam the city and end up swallowing them while foraging for food in Delhi's open garbage dumps.

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