

**No thanks!
I CARRY
MY OWN
BAG**

नेपालबाट प्लाष्टिक झोलालाई
“७१ सम्म घटाऔं, ७२ देखि हटाऔं”



'No Thanks! I Carry My Own Bag' is a campaign led by the Nepali youth to ban single use plastic bags in Nepal by 13th April, 2015. As a responsible generation, we believe that the youth of today should not leave any mess behind and leave this world a better place for the future generations.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Each plastic bag is used for an average of only 12 minutes yet remains in the environment for thousands of years.
- Kathmandu, once recognized as the Shangrila of the world, is now seen as one of the most polluted cities in the world.
- Plastic bags have already been banned in many countries around the globe—including those in our neighboring China, Bangladesh and Bhutan.
- Most of us have the wrong impression that plastic bags are given for free. In reality, however, their cost is always hidden in the price of the products we buy.
- It is hard to believe that while the Prime Minister's office supports the ban, other government and private agencies are still promoting the use of plastic bags in Nepal.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW !

We can get plastic bags banned in Nepal by:

- Signing the petition to demonstrate our support
- Forming a habit of carrying our own reusable bag for shopping
- Using the Responsible Consumer Discount Card
- Volunteering to make this campaign a success
- Getting our friends and family to sign the petition
- Liking us on facebook.com/nothanksicarrymyownbag

WHY BAN SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS?

Plastic bags are bad for the Environment

- They are non-biodegradable and remain in the environment for thousands of years
- They are made of nonrenewable petroleum, a major contributor to climate change
- When burnt, they release poisonous gases into the air
- They suffocate livestock and aquatic life

Plastic bags are bad for the Economy

- All the raw materials for plastic bags are imported
- Plastic bag production and sales add little value to the Nepali economy
- Most of the money we pay for plastic bags goes to foreign countries

Plastic bags are bad for the Society

- Plastic bag production provides minimal employment
- Banning plastic bags can create thousands of new jobs for disadvantaged segment of Nepali society for reusable bag production



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I, _____,
_____,
as a concerned
citizen, urge our
government to take
immediate action
for a complete ban
on single use plastic
bags in Nepal.

Signature

Please display your signed petition
to earn the campaign more support.