

Plastic bags are already banned in many countries – but this is just the beginning.

**Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, & Vietnam**

are fighting illegal plastic waste imports and returning worthless waste back to its countries of origin.

The **European Union**

has banned single-use plastic products where alternatives exist. These include cotton swabs, plastic cutlery and plates, straws, stirring sticks, and balloon holders, as well as polystyrene cups and boxes.

**Costa Rica**

has committed to banning single-use plastic by 2021 and aims to be the first plastic-free country in the world.

**Rwanda**

has banned plastic bags since 2008. The country has one of the strictest plastic laws in the world. You can expect jail time if you break it.