

Government of West Bengal
Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department
NAGARAYAN, DF-8, Sector-I
Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 064.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Ban on Open Defecation, Public Urination, Littering, Illegal Dumping of Waste, Use of Banned Plastic Carry Bags and Spitting in public places

In pursuance of the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 and the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 6174 of 2023 in the matter of Bhopal Municipal Corporation vs. Dr. Subhash C. Pandey & Ors., the following activities are strictly prohibited within the jurisdiction of all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in West Bengal:

- (i) Open defecation or urination in public places other than designated toilet/restroom facilities;
- (ii) Littering, depositing, dumping or throwing any solid waste, plastic waste, garbage, debris or other waste material in public streets, roads, drains, water bodies, open spaces or any place other than designated waste collection points, and the use or carrying of banned plastic carry bags in violation of applicable laws and Government orders;
- (iii) Spitting in public places, hospitals, educational institutions, religious places, markets, assembly or congregation buildings, public utility buildings or structures, and other public premises.

Date of Enforcement

- (a) Phase-I (w.e.f. 01.07.2026): Darjeeling Municipality, Kalimpong Municipality, Kurseong Municipality and Mirik Notified Area Authority.
- (b) Phase-II (w.e.f. 01.09.2026): All remaining Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Notified Area Authorities in West Bengal.

Penalty

Any person found violating the above provisions shall be liable to a fine/spot fine per offence as follows:

Nature of Violation	Fine (Rs.)
Open defecation or urination in public places other than designated toilet/restroom facilities	200
Littering, illegal dumping of waste, and/or use, carrying of banned plastic carry bags	200
Spitting in public places	100

Mode of Payment

- (a) Fine shall be collected only through digital/online mode by officers authorized by the concerned Municipality, Municipal Corporation or Notified Area Authority.
- (b) No cash collection shall be permitted.
- (c) All amounts realized shall be deposited into the appropriate Government account in accordance with prescribed financial procedures.

Appeal to Citizens

Keep your city clean and healthy. Use designated toilet/restroom facilities and municipal waste collection services. Refrain from littering and spitting in public places. Help make West Bengal clean, litter-free and open-defecation-free.

“Do not litter. Do not spit in public places, streets, hospitals, etc. Keep Bengal clean.”

By Order of the Governor,


22/6/26

(Additional Chief Secretary)
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