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## Levy on plastic bags won't help environment study finds

**A comprehensive policy on waste is required.**

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"The 6% of plastic bags tossed as litter onto roads and public spaces cause the greatest environmental harm," states a study by the Technion Institute of Technology's [Samuel Neaman Institute for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology](#) commission by the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

The study found that five billion plastic bags are distributed in Israel for free every year. It stated that imposing a levy on plastic bags would result in the use of alternatives, such as other types of bags, to the extent that the law allows, which means that a levy would achieve nothing, not even reduce litter.

The study said that instead of dealing with a single aspect of waste, a comprehensive waste policy was necessary, because levies, taxes, and other means that deal with less than 1% of waste cannot improve the overall situation.

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