



THE 10 PRINCIPLES

A set of commonly understood values reflected in the Burning Man experience

RADICAL INCLUSION

Anyone may be a part of Burning Man. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.

GIFTING

Burning Man is devoted to acts of gifting. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.

DECOMMODIFICATION

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

RADICAL SELF-RELIANCE

Burning Man encourages the individual to discover, exercise, and rely on their inner resources.

RADICAL SELF-EXPRESSION

Radical Self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

COMMUNAL EFFORT

Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote, and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

We value civil society. Community members who organize events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavor to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

LEAVING NO TRACE

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

PARTICIPATION

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

IMMEDIACY


Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.



WAKING DREAMS

BURNING MAN
AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 5

2022



THIS SURVIVAL GUIDE IS
ESSENTIAL READING FOR EVERY PARTICIPANT
- READ IT CAREFULLY!

Burning Man is not a festival. It is a community and a global cultural movement, with local communities and events flourishing all over the world. Burning Man culture emanated from Black Rock City and has spread to every continent! Our ephemeral city in the Black Rock Desert is an annual experiment in temporary community guided by Radical Self-expression, Radical Self-reliance, and the rest of the core 10 Principles of our culture. In Black Rock City you are responsible for your own survival, safety, and well-being. You are invited to collaborate, be inclusive, creative, connective, and to Leave No Trace.

THE BURNING ESSENTIALS

1 PARTICIPATE: Unlike other events, Burning Man is created by the people who attend — that means YOU!

2 LEAVE NO TRACE: There are no trash cans in BRC. You must take out everything you bring in.

3 PORTOS: Nothing goes in the portable toilets except human waste and 1-ply toilet tissue. If it wasn't in your body, don't put it in the potty!

4 COMMERCE: BRC is based on a Gifting economy — marketing, product promotion, and commercial activity are not welcome here.

5 TRANSIT: Walking and bike riding are the chosen modes of transit in Black Rock City. Except for public agencies, specially-marked service vehicles and those licensed by the Department of Mutant Vehicles, NO cars, motorcycles, motor-scooters, ATVs, golf carts or go-carts are allowed to drive in our city or on the open playa around it.

6 PERSONAL SAFETY: The Black Rock Desert is a harsh and challenging environment; you are responsible for your own safety. Nights on the playa are dark — illuminate yourself, your bike, and your artwork.

7 FIRE: Participants using fire effects or burning their artwork must follow our Fire Art Safety Guidelines. Structures must be 20 feet from anything burning (including burn barrels). Aerial flares, rockets, explosives and fireworks are prohibited. Keep at least one ABC fire extinguisher in a central, visible location in each camp and one in each camper or trailer. No fires of any kind are allowed on the unprotected playa surface.

8 SOUND: Be a considerate neighbor! Large-scale sound zones are along the 2:00 and 10:00 streets. Mutant Vehicles with sound systems must follow the Sound Policy. If you don't, Mutant Vehicle operators may lose their MV license and the right to drive the vehicle for the rest of the event.

9 LAWS: The Black Rock Desert is federal land, and Black Rock City is subject to local, state and federal laws, including those relating to controlled substances. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Pershing County Sheriff's Office patrol BRC. You risk being cited, arrested and/or evicted if you break the law. Burning Man Project does not promote or condone illegal activity of any kind.

10 FIREARMS & LASERS: The possession of firearms (including BB guns, air rifles and paintball guns) is prohibited in Black Rock City. Hand-held lasers are also prohibited.

11 TICKETS & VEHICLE PASSES: Participants MUST purchase vehicle passes and tickets prior to arrival. All vehicles driven into Black Rock City must display a valid vehicle pass. All tickets are subject to the Nevada Live Entertainment Tax. If you need to make a payment on-site, please be prepared to do so with a credit card. Will Call closes on Saturday, September 3, at noon.

12 EVENT ENTRY: Our Gate opens at 12:01 am Sunday, August 28. No one under 18 will be admitted without a parent or guardian. You are legally bound to the terms on the back of your ticket — read them! Anyone caught harboring stowaways faces citation, ejection from the event, and/or having their tickets voided.

ARRIVING

Make sure your vehicle (and whatever you are towing) has a current registration sticker, an unobstructed rear license plate, a license plate light, two working headlights, tail lights, and brake lights. Have a valid driver's license and current insurance.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

The speed limit on Gate Road is 10 MPH. Speeding causes traffic stops, citations, deep ruts in the playa, and dust, which is a safety hazard. Tune in to BMIR at 94.5 FM for traffic reports, Gate updates, and event info.

Tickets will not be sold at the Gate. If you are at the Gate without a ticket and you do not have one held for you at Will Call at the Box Office, you will be told to leave or risk citation from the BLM. If you don't have a ticket, do not show up at the event or in Gerlach looking for tickets.

All vehicles, except motorcycles, require a vehicle pass. These need to be purchased and displayed in your windshield ahead of time. See tickets.burningman.org for more info.

Stay in your vehicle. If you need to go to the Box Office to pick up a Will Call ticket, your entire vehicle must go with you. Don't risk losing your friends (yes, it happens).

All lanes have access to the Will Call parking lot for Box Office. About 1/4 mile before you reach the Gate, you will come to a set of small kiosks. There will be Gate staff here to direct you to the Will Call lot if you or someone in your vehicle needs to pick up a Will Call ticket at Box Office. Return to your vehicle and proceed to the Main Gate.

For everyone's safety, do not drive faster than 5 MPH while inside the Will Call lot and the Main Gate areas.

IN AND OUT FEE

Traffic in and out of BRC is strongly discouraged. Plan your logistics so you do not need to leave the event until Exodus — every trip impacts our sustainability goals and adds to the Gate wait time. Participants who leave and return are required to pay a fee.

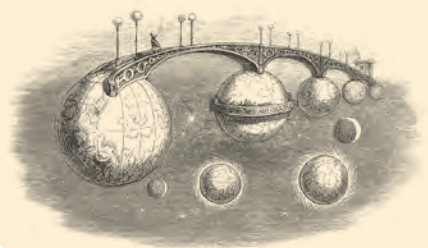
You may notice some big changes in Black Rock City this year: a reimagined Center Camp, new policies that address convenience camping (no delivered RVs or trailers!), a plethora of emerging sustainability projects, and more art, events, and happenings that shine a light on the wonderful spectrum of diverse humans in our community.

It's all happening! It's time to resume our Waking Dreams and look to the future we'll build together. Read on, intrepid Burner, for need-to-know information on planning for, co-creating, and cohabiting in Black Rock City 2022.

PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY

Burning Man Project does not book acts or provide entertainment. There are no corporate sponsorships. Commercial activity, including branding and marketing, is not allowed. You are entering a “decommodified” space that values who you are, not what you have. Black Rock City is **not** the place to increase your online following or generate media attention for your ideas, your business, or yourself. You are expected to collaborate, to be inclusive, creative and connective, and to clean up after yourself. Participate actively as a citizen of Black Rock City.

FOR MAP & DIRECTIONS TO BLACK ROCK CITY, SEE THE BACK COVER.



PROHIBITED ITEMS YOU MAY BE DENIED ENTRY IF YOU BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ☹ Stowaways
- ☹ Explosives, aerial flares, rockets and fireworks
- ☹ Firearms of any kind including BB guns, air rifles and paintball guns
- ☹ Hand-held lasers (all other lasers must be registered)
- ☹ Items that cause MOOP — wood chips, loose feathers, tubs of confetti, etc.
- ☹ Anything that will break up and/or blow away in the wind
- ☹ Unregistered Mutant Vehicles
- ☹ Plants, living or dead
- ☹ ATVs and scooters
- ☹ Motorcycles that are not a participant's transportation to BRC
- ☹ Animals

THE LONG-AWAITED RETURN TO BLACK ROCK CITY

After a two-year hiatus and three years since we've cavorted in the dust together, returning to Black Rock City truly involves each and every one of us. (That means you! And you, and you.) We, and the world, need Burning Man and Black Rock City more than ever.





BLACK ROCK CITY INFRASTRUCTURE



ON-PLAYA RESOURCES

Like any other metropolis, Black Rock City has essential infrastructure and community services.

ICE

Ice is sold at Arctica in Center Camp, and in the 3:00+G and 9:00+G plazas on G. During the event, Monday to Saturday hours are 9 am to 6 pm, Sunday noon to 6 pm and Exodus Monday in Center Camp only from 9 am to noon. Ice is available crushed for \$10 a bag (16 lbs.) or blocks for \$5 bag (7 lbs.). Note this is a change from previous years, when crushed ice was sold in 7lb. bags for \$4. Come prepared with means to transport larger bags of ice back to camp. Pre-event, ice is available at two locations: Center Camp Arctica, Thursday through Sunday from noon to 6 pm; and Ice 9 (9:00+G), Saturday and Sunday pre-event from noon to 6 pm. Credit cards, Apple Pay, and cash are accepted at all locations.

INFORMATION

Playa Info in Center Camp is staffed by knowledgeable volunteers ready to answer your questions 9 am to 6 pm, unless otherwise posted. You can find American Sign Language interpreters, emergency road and lockout services, and other services and information. You can use the Playa Info Directory 24/7 to find theme camp locations, event schedules, rideshares, to register yourself and your camp location, and to look up friends. **Note: there is no Internet access.** Playa Info's large BRC maps show theme camp locations, and bulletin boards are available for posting events, messages, and general information.

EARTH GUARDIANS

Earth Guardians inspire Burners to embrace Leaving No Trace and live more sustainably on and off the playa. If you have questions about sustainable camping or the Black Rock National Conservation Area, visit Earth Guardians on the Esplanade or check out their website at earthguardians.net.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

If you need law enforcement assistance, please wave down a patrol unit, find a Black Rock Ranger who will help you contact law enforcement, or visit the law enforcement substation at 5:15 and Esplanade. The station is open 24/7 during the event and is staffed by BLM and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is a great way to step up your participation, and there are ample opportunities to get involved. Visit the V-Spot in the Center Camp Portal to learn more.

CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES

Black Rock City can be a hyper-stimulating place. If you're feeling overwhelmed, trained peer support volunteers from the Zendo Project and the Green Dot team of the Black Rock Rangers are there to support you. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis or needing psychological support, the Emergency Services Department's Crisis Intervention Team is also available. Ask a Ranger or Emergency Service personnel for help. The Zendo Project facilities are entirely run by participants and are located near the 3 and 9 portals just past C.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Black Rock City Emergency Services Department personnel wear yellow shirts labeled "Emergency Services" and feature the ESD logo on their uniforms and vehicles. They provide BRC with firefighting, emergency medical, and crisis intervention services. ESD is not part of any law enforcement or outside agency. Medical Stations are located on the Esplanade at 5:15, behind the plazas at 3:00+C and 9:00+C. Look for the lighted red cross above each station.

BMIR 94.5 FM

Burning Man Information Radio (BMIR) 94.5 FM broadcasts travel, emergency and general information, and community programming 24 hours a day. BMIR will also be available on mobile devices via iHeartRadio.com, providing traffic reports three times an hour during entry and Exodus. Stop by BMIR between 12 pm and 4 pm daily to record promos for your events and happenings... tell the city what you're up to! Please note that the programming from GARS (Gate Advisory Radio Station) has transitioned to BMIR as of 2022.

DON'T SHIP PACKAGES TO THE BURNING MAN OFFICE IN GERLACH

If you need a package delivered to Gerlach via USPS, you can send it to General Delivery, Gerlach, NV 89412. Burning Man has no way to deliver USPS, FedEx, or UPS packages to participants on playa. Any participant packages sent to the Gerlach Burning Man office or post office box will be returned.

BURNING MAN 365 DAYS A YEAR

The non-profit Burning Man Project supports and nurtures participants around the world who engage in initiatives and projects inspired by the Burning Man ethos and the 10 Principles.

To learn more about Burning Man Project, Burners Without Borders, Fly Ranch and the Burning Man Regional Network, visit Center Camp and Burners Without Borders camp at 6:45 and Esplanade.

Learn how you can Burn 365 days a year in [365: A Burning Man Field Guide](#): 365.burningman.org.

PRESS AND MEDIA

Any commercial, editorial, or otherwise non-personal use of Black Rock City photos, video, or sound recordings is not permitted without prior written permission from Burning Man Project. All media professionals with intent to distribute content publicly (including art galleries, publications, or blogs) must register as professional media prior to the event and check in at Media Mecca. Participants sharing images for personal use are not required to register, but still must adhere to the Photo and Video Rights and Responsibilities and Burning Man Project's ticket terms and conditions. **It is your responsibility to ask for consent before taking a photograph of or video recording someone.** Questions? Visit Media Mecca at Center Camp, burningman.org/press or write press@burningman.org for more info.

LOST & FOUND: LABEL IT!

The best way to increase the chances of having a lost item reunited with you is to **mark your possessions with your name and mailing address**, and email or phone number. It's especially important to **have this information attached to your phone** and in your backpack. If you find something, bring it to Lost & Found at Playa info in Center Camp; drop boxes are available after hours. **Lost & Found does not accept bikes!** Please leave bikes where you found them. After the event, access the Lost & Found database online: Inf.burningman.org

CENTER CAMP

Center Camp is a vibrant hub in Black Rock City with an acre of beautifully designed, shaded and welcoming space where all are welcome 24/7 during Event week. Center Camp houses two stages with performances and talks by participants from all over the world. It is home to a beautiful art gallery that includes 2D, 3D, and interactive art. **In 2022, we are trying something new — there will be no coffee (or anything else!) being sold at Center Camp.** The previous Coffee Shop is evolving into a new space, where participants are invited to come and bring their thing to showcase.

AIRPORT & PILOT POLICIES

Black Rock City Municipal Airport is a temporary, private airport (FAA identifier 88NV). The Airport is operational from 8 am to 6 pm daily for NEW ARRIVING passengers (note the change from previous years); during Exodus the hours change to 6 am-6:30 pm for outbound traffic. Passenger drop-offs and pick-ups are prohibited except by Mutant Vehicle

or Airport/Burner Express Air Shuttle. **We (strongly) discourage driving to the airport. If you ride your bike to the airport, please ride it back to the city.** To find the Airport, take 5:00 and head toward the perimeter fence, you can't miss it. Pilots wishing to fly to BRC must land at 88NV and comply with all Airport rules. All pilots must pre-register at airport.burningman.org. All aircraft occupants (including the pilot) must have a valid Burning Man ticket and pay the \$60 per-person airport use fee. Will Call tickets can be picked up at the Airport Box Office (AirBox) between 8 am and 7 pm.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

In the interest of Immediacy (see the 10 Principles), cell phone and internet use is **highly discouraged** in BRC. Limited cell service and public telephones are available in the town of Gerlach, 12 miles away.

BURN GARDENS

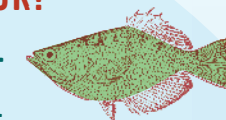
Metal burn platforms for burning wood only are located at Esplanade and 3:00, 6:00, and 9:00. From Sunday, September 4, at 10 am through Tuesday, September 6, Burn Gardens will be available for wood burning as well as donations of new and unused lumber. No burning cardboard, paper, compost, recycling, or trash. Wood only! Burning toxic and/or synthetic materials such as couches, rugs, PVC pipes, etc. is prohibited by law.

RECYCLE CAMP

Pre-crush and sort your empty aluminum cans into a mesh bag (so they dry out!), then bring them to Recycle Camp between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Sunday, directly behind Center Camp at 6:00. Come ride the CRUSHINATOR, our state-of-the-ART bicycle-powered aluminum-can-crushing machine. Come by early (don't wait until the last day!), come by often (we have great fun!), but by all means come before 5 pm Sunday, or you'll have to pack your cans out yourself. No plastic, tin, or steel please. All proceeds donated to Gerlach schools.

IT'S YOUR TASK TO ASK!

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
TO ASK FOR CONSENT
BEFORE TAKING A PHOTOGRAPH.



BLACK ROCK CITY PLAN



New for 2022! Do you notice L Street is missing? Mid-city double blocks are now continuous from 2:00 through 10:00, which means we drop a street. This was done to increase camping space.

2022 CITY PLAN

BRC consists of the main camping area formed by a series of concentric and radial streets, and an “open playa” reserved for art installations. BLM establishes a buffer zone on the playa around the event site — no camping is allowed in this area. The 2022 BRC plan is available at burningman.org/event/black-rock-city-guide/. You will receive a BRC map at Greeters Station when you arrive.

PLAZAS

Plazas are located at 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 & 9:00 on B + G Streets. These are mini civic centers and public gathering spaces with art installations, encircled by creative and inviting theme camps and service camps. Emergency Services with first aid are located behind the plazas at 3:00+C, 9:00+C, and Black Rock Ranger Outposts are located at 3:00+C and 9:00+C as well. Arctica ice sales are stationed at 3:00+G and 9:00+G plazas.

WALK-IN CAMPING

A large area past K Street between 2:00 and 5:00 is reserved for walk-in camping. Camp without cars! No vehicles or RVs are allowed. You must leave your vehicle along K street and carry your belongings to your chosen spot. The sheer difficulty of this exercise keeps Walk-in Camping sparsely populated, and your efforts will be rewarded with a sense of solitude unavailable in other parts of the city.

PORTA-POTTIES

Banks of porta-potties can be found throughout the city on radial streets on the blocks between C & D and G & H. The exceptions to this are 6:00, which has banks on D, and between H & I, and 3:00 and 9:00, which have banks on D and between G & H. There are also banks on the open playa on either side of the Man along 3:00 and 9:00, and out by the Temple. There are some potty banks in deep playa as well. To help you find potties in your time of need, they are marked by solar-powered light poles topped with blue lights.

GETTING AROUND

BLACK ROCK CITY IS A WALKING AND BIKE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.

You must park your vehicle at your campsite and leave it there while you are in Black Rock City. Only public agency vehicles, specially marked BRC department service vehicles, and vehicles licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) are allowed to drive in Black Rock City or on the open playa. Any non-mutated vehicles intended for recreational driving, including motorcycles, large scooters, golf carts, and ATVs, are NOT permitted and will not be allowed to enter the event.

MUTANT VEHICLES & THE DMV

Mutant Vehicle drivers, and those requiring a Disability Vehicle license, must pre-register with the DMV. Mutant Vehicles must meet certain criteria to be licensed. All registrations take place pre-event. You are required to show your acceptance letter to Gate staff upon entering BRC. Those not pre-approved will not be let in! Mutant Vehicles must also comply with the Sound Policy on the Burning Man website.

DRIVING SAFETY

The speed limit in BRC is 5 mph at all times — that’s reeeaaaally slow!. Pedestrians and bicycles have the right of way over motor vehicles. Mutant Vehicle artists, operators, and passengers must comply with safety standards, including the physical and mechanical integrity of vehicles and adherence to driving rules. **Passengers may only get on or off a vehicle that is completely stopped.** Vehicles are prohibited from driving on the Esplanade, A Street, the promenades from the city to the Man and the Temple, and inside the perimeter around the Man.

ELECTRIC-ASSIST BIKES

Electric-assist bikes are allowed on playa, but you must obey the 5 mph vehicle speed limit and they must conform to specifications required by Nevada State Law.

PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES (PTVS)

Personal Transportation Vehicles are subject to the same rules as any other motorized vehicles, including the 5 mph speed limit and use of front and rear lights at night. BLM Rangers will issue citations for noncompliance. Please review the complete list of allowed and disallowed vehicles on the Burning Man website.

Any powered vehicle not on the “Allowed PTVs list” may not be brought to Black Rock City. This includes many electric or gas scooters. If you bring a disallowed PTV to Black Rock City, you will be required to take it off playa before you will be allowed to enter.

If a disallowed PTV is found inside the city, you will be required to take it off playa. Operating a disallowed PTV at Burning Man can result in the vehicle and owner being ejected from the event.

MOTORCYCLES

Motorcycles are only allowed in BRC if they were your sole means of transportation to BRC, and must be parked at your campsite for the duration of your stay. Participants bringing motorcycles that aren’t their sole means of transportation will be asked to turn around at the Gate.

HAPPY BICYCLING

Bikes are an integral part of our culture. Our city was designed for walking and biking. The playa is very dark at night and there are many riders. Light your bike to avoid injuring yourself and others. Please do not bring bikes, chairs, or large coolers to the larger burns, where they can pose a serious hazard.

LOCK & DECORATE YOUR BIKE!

If you don’t want your bike stolen on the playa, always lock it wherever you leave it. The only bikes that should never be locked are green Community Bikes. Never lock your bike to guy wires or any other structures. This is a safety hazard and may disrupt performances and scheduled burns.

Your bike is much less likely to be “borrowed without asking” if you decorate it. Make sure decorations are securely affixed so they don’t become MOOP



LEAVE NO TRACE

The Black Rock Desert is a place unlike any other.

A wide expanse of possibility set in the heart of one of the most scenic, culturally rich, scientifically important and yet least-known public lands in the country. The Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area is part of the nation's prized National Conservation Lands, a special designation given by the U.S. Government. We are grateful for this stunningly beautiful location and are equally committed to respecting and protecting this special place.

Black Rock City is the largest Leave No Trace (LNT) event in the world. There is no garbage collection service in BRC. It is up to all of us to remove all Matter Out of Place (MOOP). Our permit with BLM allows us a short period of time to restore

the playa to its original condition. We can only satisfy BLM stipulations and pass inspection if ALL citizens share the responsibility of Leaving No Trace by MOOP sweeping our camps, art projects, and beloved Black Rock City.

Black Rock City has a volunteer-led environmental compliance and LNT Outreach Team. This group of Earth Guardians and Black Rock Rangers educates and helps participants address common environmental issues such as vehicle oil leaks and wastewater spills. **Help us help you.** If our team finds an issue, you'll be given 24 hours to fix it. You may face a BLM citation or eviction if you don't address oil and wastewater spills. If you need help, visit the Black Rock Rangers and Earth Guardians.

PLAN AHEAD TO LEAVE NO TRACE

The following items are most likely to become MOOP: glitter (not allowed in BRC), feathers, rhinestones, sequins, Astroturf, styrofoam coolers, plastic bags, paper, string, disposable drink cups, hay bales, straw, gravel — or anything that can blow away in the wind.

- ✿ If you must buy single-serving drinks, choose aluminum cans over glass bottles. Aluminum cans can be recycled at Recycle Camp.
- ✿ Carry a MOOP bag everywhere you go — deep playa, art pieces, dance floors — LNT applies to the entire playa, not just your camp.
- ✿ If you smoke, bring a pocket ashtray (like a mint tin) to collect cigarette butts and ashes (yes, ash is MOOP!).
- ✿ Kitchens, construction areas and workspaces generate the most MOOP. Packing a tarp to lay down in those areas can save a lot of clean-up time.
- ✿ Rope and other tie downs are required for securing everything in your camp and for strapping anything on top of your vehicle for the trip to or from the playa.
- ✿ A plastic milk or water jug with a handle is ideal for collecting MOOP around your camp (which you should do throughout the week).
- ✿ Showers are great on the playa, but shower water is greywater, and not allowed to hit the playa. Remember to bring a small inflatable swimming pool or other water containment device. Conserve shower water by reducing frequency, or taking shorter showers (or showering with friends! — with consent). The more water you conserve or evaporate, the less greywater you will need to collect from your containment device and bring off playa.
- ✿ Don't want to haul greywater home? You have options! The Playa Living section of burningman.org has great ideas for properly dealing with greywater.

Want more tips? Check out the Earth Guardians' tips for keeping Burning Man clean and green.

PREVENT MOOP

- ✿ Never let it hit the ground! Don't leave cigarette butts, ashtrays, bottles or cans lying around where they can blow away.
- ✿ Manage waste throughout the event. Sort your trash. Crush your cans. Separate food waste and dry it in a mesh bag in the sun.
- ✿ MOOP attracts more MOOP. If you see trash on the ground in BRC, pick it up — the dust quickly makes it hard to spot.
- ✿ Conduct regular MOOP sweeps. Get your campmates together and line up everyone arms-width apart along your camp boundary and walk from one side of the camp to the other, picking up any MOOP you see along the way. Do this before you set up camp, and during and after the event. Your area should look cleaner than when you got there.
- ✿ WOOD IS MOOP! Wood from sawdust, splinters, wood debris and firewood bark poses a major MOOP problem. Help keep the playa beautiful by laying down a tarp or rug under your wood cutting stations and firewood storage areas.
- ✿ If you plan to use a burn barrel, bring a shovel and metal containers to scoop and remove ashes. All burn barrels must be elevated at least 6" off the playa surface to prevent burn scars.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- ✿ MOOP sweep your camp. Walk shoulder-to-shoulder with your campmates and clean your campsite in a grid pattern. Pick up EVERYTHING. Use a magnet bar or a rake to go over your entire camp and conduct a final sweep.
- ✿ Join a community clean-up. As a citizen of BRC, we ask you to join your neighbors on Sunday and Monday after the Burn for two hours of community MOOPing in addition to your own camp clean-up. Pick a well-traveled area. The Earth Guardians in Center Camp can direct you to a cleanup project.
- ✿ Cover and firmly secure your load! Pack carefully and make sure trash and other items do not blow off and litter our highways. Put lighter items below heavier items and evenly distribute the load.

ON YOUR WAY HOME

Leaving No Trace does not end when you hit the pavement. **Do not dump your trash in neighboring communities!**

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

In July 2019, Burning Man Project published the 10-Year Environmental Sustainability Roadmap (burningman.org/2030-sustainability-roadmap). Across our events, properties, and operations, by 2030 our goals are to:

- 1 Handle Waste Ecologically
- 2 Be Ecologically Regenerative
- 3 Be Carbon Negative

By the end of the next decade, we aim for it to be better for the ecology of Earth for Burning Man to exist than to not exist. We need your help to make that happen!

Emerging sustainability projects are taking center stage in BRC (as well as year-round projects in nearby Gerlach). In 2022, you will see a new solar-powered Man, fewer gas and diesel generators, and more solar power and battery technologies. Keep an eye out as you ride your bike through the city — you should notice a focus on lessening environmental impact at theme camps, events, and art projects. Think of ways to make your camp, your art, and your experience in Black Rock City 2022 lower-impact, from LNT efforts, fuel conservation, using renewable energy, and more. The Leaving No Trace and Sustainability sections of the Burning Man website are a treasure trove of tips for reducing your impact and ways we are looking to do so. Visit burningman.org/event-preparation/leaving-no-trace/greening-your-burn/ and [https://burningman.org/about/about-us/sustainability/](http://burningman.org/about/about-us/sustainability/) to learn more.

ON PLAYA

CHECK UNDER YOUR VEHICLE FOR OIL LEAKS

Fluid leaks are common, especially in older vehicles and RVs. Check under your vehicle daily. If your vehicle is leaking, dig up the contaminated playa, contain it for disposal off-site, fill in the hole, and use a drip pan, tarp, rug, plywood, or anything that can be secured to the ground to catch the fluids.

WASTEWATER

If you have a wastewater spill and the contaminated playa fits in a five-gallon bucket, dig up the soil and dispose of the bucket's contents off site. If it's too much for a bucket, call a Black Rock Ranger to contact our Hazmat team to help remediate the site.

BURN SCARS

A burn scar is a discoloration of the surface soil due to fire. They can last for years and form bumps, which are hazardous to vehicles. It's your responsibility to prevent them. Never start a fire directly on the playa surface. BLM will issue a citation.

BURNING RESPONSIBLY

A fireplace, burn barrel, or BBQ may be used for small fires. All fires must be contained and elevated at least 6" off the playa surface. Only unpainted wood can be burned in burn barrels. The burning of trash or other materials is not allowed. If you want to have a burn barrel, or incorporate flame effects in your artwork or Mutant Vehicle, or if you plan to burn your artwork, you must follow our Fire Art Safety Guidelines posted on the Burning Man website. If you intend to burn your art installation, you must register with the Art Department and the Fire Art Safety Team (FAST) prior to arriving at the event. **Unnecessary burning of anything is discouraged.**

FUEL STORAGE SAFETY

Protect the playa from fuel spills. Fuel expands with heat, so never fill your fuel containers past 80%. All containers, regardless of size, must be stored within "secondary containment" basins. These basins must be capable of holding 110% of the volume of the largest single fuel container stored within it. Participants using fuel in an art installation or storing fuel in camp must comply with best practices: burningman.org/fuel-hazmat. Questions about fuel? Contact fuelsafety@burningman.org.

DIGGING HOLES

Do not dig holes in the playa larger than six inches wide and two feet deep. Holes erode within a year's time, even when carefully back filled, leaving a visible mark and creating a safety hazard to drivers. Use an auger or a post hole digger instead of a shovel. Bag the dirt so it doesn't blow away. Refill the hole by tamping the soil back into place (an inverted sledgehammer works well). Repeat this process every few inches while dampening the soil.

HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS

The collection, excavation, or vandalism of historical/archaeological artifacts is prohibited on public lands, and is illegal. If you find something that appears to be an authentic artifact, contact a Black Rock Ranger.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Non-native invasive plants that are (knowingly or unknowingly) introduced to the native ecosystem in the Black Rock Desert can quickly dominate the landscape and introduce pathogens. Protect our desert Home by cleaning your boots, camping equipment, and vehicle (including the tires and undercarriage) before heading to the Black Rock Desert.

SURVIVING IN BLACK ROCK CITY

PERSONAL SURVIVAL CHECKLIST

THE ELEMENTS

BEATING THE HEAT (& COLD)

The Black Rock Desert is a huge, flat, prehistoric lakebed, composed of a hardpan alkali, ringed by majestic mountains. Daytime temperatures routinely exceed 100°F, with extremely low humidity. Because the air is so dry, you may not feel particularly warm, but you'll be steadily drying up. Lip balm and lotion are your key to comfort. At nearly 4,000 feet above sea level, your skin will burn much faster and more severely than at lower elevations. Apply sunscreen every morning and repeat as needed. Have shade for your camp and consider laying low during the hottest part of the day. When the sun drops over the horizon, temperatures can quickly plummet 50 degrees. Overnight lows can be in the 40s, so bring warm clothing and a good sleeping bag.

It takes nearly everyone a day or so to adjust to the desert climate. Don't be surprised if you spend your first day feeling queasy and cranky. **DRINK WATER!**

Consuming alcohol, caffeine or other drugs increases risk of dehydration. Dehydration can cause headaches, stomach cramps, abdominal pains, constipation, flu-like symptoms, and mood swings, and makes it difficult for the body to recover. If someone complains of these symptoms, or shows signs of either severe overheating or a case of chills under the midday sun, get them to shade immediately and seek prompt medical help.

WHITEOUTS

The playa can be subject to sudden bouts of fierce, unpredictable weather. Dust storms prowl the playa and can produce instant whiteouts. The desert wind can whip up to speeds exceeding 75 mph in an instant,

picking up everything and hurling it miles down the playa or smack into your neighbor — tents, chairs, card tables, ice chests, you name it. Prolonged whiteout conditions are unlikely, but you should be mentally and physically prepared for such occurrences. If you're caught in a whiteout:

- € When the wind comes, seek immediate shelter. Now's the time to use that dust mask and goggles you brought.
- € If you're far from shelter, sit down, turn your back to the wind, cover your face, and wait it out.
- € Be alert for moving vehicles.
- € If you are driving a vehicle, stop and wait for the whiteout to pass. You will not be able to see where you are going and could injure yourself or others.
- € Weight the interior corners of your tent. Rebar makes excellent stakes but the ends must be capped or bent into a candy cane shape to prevent foot or leg injuries.

RAINSTORMS

Sustained rainfall is uncommon, but you should be mentally and physically prepared for it. Bring a bucket (in case the porta-potties are out of commission), pack for cold weather, bring all the food/medicine you need, bring a battery or solar-powered radio. BMIR (94.5) broadcasts news and announcements at the top of the hour.

If rain is headed our way:

- € WALK back to your camp and batten it down. Do not drive or ride your bike; playa mud will immediately clog wheels and gears.
- € Protect food, medicine, bedding, and clothing by moving them to a safe, dry, elevated place.

€ Stay off scaffolding, art projects, and the tops of vehicles and trucks.

€ Cover or secure anything electrical.

€ Use wood blocks to elevate power connections out of standing water, and seal connections with electrical tape.

€ Don't operate generators or other electrically powered tools that are standing in water.

€ Check with your campmates and neighbors to make sure they're prepared.

€ Absolutely no driving in wet areas except for emergency vehicles.

WATER

You must bring your own water! You will need 1.5 gallons of water per person per day for drinking, washing, and cleaning. Always carry a full water bottle when you leave camp. Public pools and showers are not permitted. Water for private use that entails full body contact or consumption must be potable and come from Nevada State Health Division approved water sources.

LIGHTING YOURSELF AT NIGHT

The playa is dark at night, and it's very easy to run into people or things you can't see, such as unlit art installations, pedestrians, and bikes. Imagine being the driver of a Mutant Vehicle trying to navigate safely around the playa and there you are. Walking or riding with no lights is NOT SAFE. Light yourself, your bike, your art, and your belongings. Weak glow sticks and bracelets don't cut it and become instant trash and potential MOOP. Lasers are not appropriate lighting for your bike.

- Your ticket or photo ID and confirmation number for Will Call pickup
- 1.5 gallons of water per person per day
- A reusable water bottle
- Food & beverages
- An extensive first-aid kit
- Sunscreen/sunblock & sunglasses
- Warm clothing
- Particle/dust mask
- Goggles to protect eyes during dust storms

YOU MUST BRING

- Rope or tie-down straps
- Hand sanitizer (60% or more alcohol content)
- Garbage and recycling bags, and tools to clean up your camp
- Duct tape — you'll find a need for it, guaranteed
- Flashlights and spare batteries (headlamps are useful)
- Lights for your bike and your person

- A good camp tent or other shelter and warm sleeping bags and bedding
- Portable ashtrays if you smoke (e.g. mint tin that closes securely)
- Prescriptions (in their original containers), contact lens supplies (disposables work great), and anything else you need to maintain your health in a remote area with no services
- Fire extinguishers
- Common sense, an open mind, a sense of humor and a positive attitude

YOU SHOULD PROBABLY BRING

- Shade structures, umbrellas, parasols; something to break the midday sun
- A wide brim hat (a chinstrap is useful in the wind)
- A cooking stove if you expect to heat food or liquid
- A bicycle (mountain bikes or cruisers with balloon tires are best)
- A bike lock (tag your bike with name, playa address, email and/or phone info)
- Bicycle tire repair kit, pump, spare parts and extra tubes

- Portable shower with a drain system to collect and manage greywater
- Lotion, lip balm and earplugs (not everyone will want to sleep when you do!)
- Watertight protective bags (e.g. heavy zip-type) for cameras or electronic gear
- Costumes, musical instruments, props, decorations, and anything that might make the experience more fun for you and your playa neighbors
- A battery-powered AM/FM radio so you can listen to BMIR radio and stay informed

- Camp marker (flag, banner, distinctive marking)
- 12" tent stakes (rebar is cheap and effective in high wind)
- Plastic bottles or tennis balls to top and protect dangerous rebar stakes
- Extra set of car keys (keys are easily lost!)
- A reusable travel coffee mug
- Emergency toilet: bring a five-gallon utility bucket with lid and garbage bag liners (doubles as a MOOP receptacle while MOOP walking your camp)

PREPPING FOR A HEALTHY & SAFE EVENT

There are steps each and every one of us can take to ensure a healthy and safe return to Black Rock City in 2022. BRC is a place where we all make personal choices related to our own safety, as well as interactions with fellow participants. We'll be together again soon — working side by side, laughing, playing, and hugging after years of being apart. Contemplate ahead of time how you'll navigate the health, safety, and social aspects of your Burn. Reacquainting ourselves with being in close proximity to so many people provides a powerful opportunity to practice patience, compassion, kindness, and strong communication.

Maybe you are most comfortable wearing a mask and social/physical distancing. Perhaps you will choose to get vaccinated and/or a booster before the event. Consider getting tested in the 48 hours before arriving at the event. Some theme camps may even have their own policies.

We wish you a healthy and safe journey back to BRC. As we get closer to the event, we will publish up-to-date COVID-related resources and protocol for participants, including what to do should one require assistance of any sort in Black Rock City. Please see: burningman.org/brc-covid-prep



HOW TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN OF BLACK ROCK CITY

RVS

There is no recreational vehicle dumping station or servicing in Black Rock City, and you may not dump on the playa. BLM issues citations for dumping or leaking grey or black water. You are responsible for preventing and remediating leaks. If you see a truck designated "RV servicing," you can flag it down. The only vendor authorized to provide cash sales of pumping services is United Site Services. Note: pumping services only include removal of grey and black water — not a potable water fill.

LOGOS & BRANDING

Black Rock City is a decommodified zone where branding is not welcome. Advertising? Hell no. Launching a product? Not in Black Rock City. Burning Man is not a place to promote your business, website, or product. Got a van from work with logos? Cover it up. Got a rental truck or RV? Alter the logos. Taking pictures of a product on playa to promote it online? Not okay.

DON'T STEAL STREET SIGNS

Emergency Services rely on street signs to navigate our city when responding to emergencies, and participants count on them to find their way around. **All signs must remain in place through the Temple burn on Sunday night.** We need your help stopping the rampant theft of street signs. If you see this happening, say something — this is your city!

COMMERCE & CONCESSIONS

The sale of products and services by participants is strictly prohibited. The sale of handmade items and food is also not allowed. There is no participant vending. Bring what you need. Tend to your own survival. This is not a consumer event.

CAMERAS IN BRC

As a condition of entry to BRC, participants agree not to interfere with the experience of others and to ask permission before photographing or recording anyone. Images from BRC may not be used for any commercial, promotional, editorial, or otherwise non-personal reasons without registering as professional media and receiving permission from Burning Man Project.



Burning Man Project limits media permitted at the event to protect participant privacy and prevent our culture from exploitation. All permitted professional media are credentialed and their cameras tagged with a unique Media ID #. If someone is being disrespectful with a camera, record their Media # and bring it to Media Mecca (at 10 o'clock on the inner ring, across from Center Camp). If they do not have a Media Tag, find a Black Rock Ranger immediately. If you find a picture of yourself or your images from Black Rock City being used without your permission, contact press@burningman.org.

DOGS & OTHER ANIMALS

Dogs are not permitted. If you show up with your dog, you will not be admitted to the event. This restriction is for the well-being and safety of participants and their four-legged friends. Black Rock City is a loud, tumultuous, and scary place for any animal — do not bring them with you.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Since the first burn on Baker Beach in 1986, Burning Man has been a family affair. Kids are an important part of our culture in BRC and around the world. Parents are responsible for their children's well-being at all times. If a child goes missing or you encounter a lost child, alert a Black Rock Ranger. Always be respectful and aware of the presence of children in BRC. "Kidsville" is a large camp for families located at 5:00 between E & F. If you are interested in camping with Kidsville, learn more at kidsville.org. If you are not a family-friendly camp, please locate yourself far away from it. For more info, contact kids@burningman.org and check out our Survival Guide specifically for families on our website.

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PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS

Secure your valuables, especially on Burn Night. Consider locking valuables in your car. Take pictures of your valuables, record serial numbers, and report them missing immediately; police can't easily investigate otherwise. (Tip: Make two spare door keys — hide one and carry one.) Introduce yourself to neighbors and local Black Rock Rangers. Work together to keep your neighborhood secure.

PERSONAL BOUNDARIES

Black Rock City can be an erotically charged environment. You can help prevent sexual harassment and assault while ensuring that sex-positive free expression thrives. Know and express your boundaries. Ask about and respect the boundaries of others. Look out for each other, including anyone you encounter who might be in distress. If you see behavior that concerns you, contact a Black Rock Ranger.

CONSENT

Consent is the cornerstone of a healthy community. Whether it's a potential sexual encounter, physical touch of any kind (including hugs!), taking someone's photo or recording them, offering a gift, or anything requiring permission that will radically alter the experience of another person, **you are responsible for getting verbal consent before engaging.** It is neither ethical nor acceptable to proceed without that person's awareness and clear consent. Period. An impaired person cannot give consent. Children (anyone under 18) cannot give sexual consent. Silence is not consent. Black Rock City citizens are encouraged to understand and help others understand the importance of consent. For more info, visit bureauoferoticroadcourse.org.

YOUR WELL-BEING

BRC is not immune to the potential dangers of drug and alcohol use and misuse. Burning Man Project and its partners in health and safety, including law enforcement, believe in the importance of harm reduction. Here are some things to remember:

- * Always be hydrating. Bring your own water wherever you go and be sure to get enough electrolytes.
- * Get enough sleep.
- * Eat healthy, nourishing food.
- * If you don't know what's in something, it's best not to drink or eat it.
- * There have been incidents of intentional dosing with intent to assault — also known as giving someone "roofies." Participants should be aware of this and exercise appropriate caution.
- * If you feel like you've been dosed, seek help immediately.
- * If you see someone who appears to be overly intoxicated, ask them if they need help. Particularly if they are being led away by someone who doesn't appear intoxicated, check in.
- * If you or someone around you needs help, seek out a Black Rock Ranger, medical personnel, or law enforcement officer. They are there to ensure your safety and will assist you.
- * Volunteers from the Zendo Project and the Green Dot team of Black Rock Rangers are trained to help people who are going through challenging emotional processes. Both groups offer safe spaces in BRC. Seek them out.

RADICAL INCLUSION, DIVERSITY & EQUITY

Working towards a more diverse citizenry in BRC, this year you may encounter new theme camps led by Burners of Color including a Multicultural People of Color Neighborhood around 6:30+C/D, expanded "queerborhoods" in the 4:30 and 7:30 sectors, and more events on topics related to diversity and Radical Inclusion. Onward, towards a more Radically Inclusive and equitable Black Rock City!

YOUR ROLE IN THE SURVIVAL OF BLACK ROCK CITY

While there are an infinite number of things you can do in Black Rock City, there are some things you need permission or a permit to do, and there are a few things you can't do because they could threaten the future of our event. As a good citizen of BRC, we look to you to support the larger community. Please be aware of and help keep BRC alive for years to come.

DECOMMODIFICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA

As a citizen of Black Rock City, you help create a decommodified zone for one week a year. The playa is free from advertising and transactional relationships, and not beholden to corporate influence. It's one of the most important ways the Burning Man experience is different from other events, and that the event is different from the other 51 weeks of the year. We all play a part in keeping our city unique.

This continues when we're off the playa too! Recently we've seen an increase in people posting photos from BRC on Instagram, tagging the brands they're wearing or promoting products they brought with them. A lot of people use art pieces as scenery for their photo shoots. **The playa and its art are not a backdrop for your business!** The names "Burning Man," "Black Rock City," and any imagery from the event may not be used to promote a product, service, or brand.

Using Burning Man for marketing purposes is a violation of Burning Man's Principles, our ticket terms and conditions (to which everyone agrees when they go to Black Rock City), and federal regulations.

Please help us by acculturating your campmates about Decommodification. If you encounter examples of commodification on playa, you're encouraged to have a conversation with the person and/or notify a Black Rock Ranger or come by Media Mecca in Center Camp. If you see examples off-playa (on social media, etc.), please report them to ip@burningman.org.

SERVING FOOD

Gifting food or certain drinks (including juice or dairy) to the public, or running a kitchen serving 125 persons or more (whether public or private) requires a permit from the Nevada State Health Division. You don't need a permit for bar ice, but your ice must come from a source approved by the Health Division, such as local stores or Arctica. If you have questions on playa, representatives from the Nevada State Health Division are available at Playa Info Saturday, August 27, through Wednesday, August 31, 9 am – 3 pm. The Nevada State Health Division protects the health of our citizens and prevents food-borne epidemics. Please cooperate with their lawful inspections of all public food preparation at our event. Visit dphh.nv.gov/Reg/Burning_Man/Food-Guidance/Food_Guidance_Document/.

NOISE CONTROL & SOUND POLICY

Sound travels easily on the playa, and not everyone wants to sleep when you do. Bring ear plugs! Audio systems must be held to a maximum power amplification of 300 watts, generating 90 decibels at 20 feet. Speakers must be elevated off the playa surface and backed by a truck, RV, or anything large and solid enough to prevent the sound from traveling backward. If a problem with sound levels continues after sufficient requests and warnings, the source of power for such device or system will be disabled. The hum of generators becomes annoying over a long period of time. Please keep your neighbors in mind. We recommend generators that are sound insulated and/or enclosed in a wooden box. Do not dig a trench to sound-insulate your generator. More information about generators can be found on burningman.org. More information about the Sound Policy can be found at <https://burningman.org/event/preparation/black-rock-city-guide/sound-systems/>.

HOT SPRINGS

Our Bureau of Land Management permit prohibits participants from using any of the local hot springs during the event. Some are lethally hot! A collaborative team of Earth Guardians and BLM patrol and protect these fragile resources. For more information email earthguardians@burningman.org.



RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORS

With more than 75,000 people traveling through these normally quiet rural towns, we have a significant impact on the communities surrounding the Black Rock Desert. Drive slowly. Be courteous and patient, dress appropriately, and be respectful. We are guests here. Be polite and friendly to all local residents. Wear clothes. Follow posted speed limits and remember to Leave No Trace.

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

Traveling from the West, South, or East to Black Rock City on Hwy 447, you will drive through the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe reservation. Please be respectful and supportive of the Pyramid Lake community. Speed limits are strictly enforced. Be courteous to Tribe members. The lake and land are considered sacred, and the lake is home to two types of endangered fish. Artifact hunting and graffiti are prohibited.

The I-80 Smokeshop in Wadsworth and the Nixon Store in Nixon are open for extended hours during peak travel times, and will be fully stocked with gas and other supplies for travelers to and from BRC. There are also RV parks and campgrounds, a restaurant, greywater disposal services, auto/tow service, and a car wash in Wadsworth and Nixon.

Along the road, Tribal members also offer services such as car washes, tacos, food drives, and trash collection. Note, all vendors are required to register with the Tribal government, and with NDOT if operations occur on state easements. To learn more about the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, including permit information and locations, visit plpt.nsn.us and the Local Towns section of the Burning Man website.

GERLACH & EMPIRE

The citizens of Gerlach and Empire welcome us. Please be considerate of them in return. Drive slowly. Don't block driveways or streets. There are two gas stations, a market, water store, restaurant, and several street vendors. If you pull over to patronize these businesses, please avoid causing traffic issues. Regular traffic laws apply, and you may be ticketed for obstructing traffic or creating a nuisance. Do not replenish your water supply from a private local spigot. Water is precious in the desert, and this water belongs to local residents. For more info, go to the Local Towns section of burningman.org.

LAW ENFORCEMENT



THIS COULD BE THE
MOST IMPORTANT READING YOU
DO BEFORE ARRIVING IN BLACK ROCK CITY

DISCLAIMER: This Survival Guide provides information about laws and regulations applicable to activities within the Black Rock Desert in the State of Nevada, and at the Black Rock City event. Legal information is not legal advice, and although we strive to ensure the accuracy and usefulness of the information here, you should consult with a lawyer if you want legal advice about a particular situation.

The Pershing County Sheriff and BLM are on site to enforce all applicable federal, state, and local laws. The roads leading into and out of the event are patrolled by the Nevada Highway Patrol, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Pershing County Sheriff's Office, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. It is not the mission of these agencies to police your lifestyle or inhibit self-expression. It is their duty to uphold the law — please cooperate.

If you are a victim of crime during the event, report it IMMEDIATELY. Pershing County Sheriff's Office will respond and investigate. It is imperative you report the crime while on site. It's nearly impossible to investigate a crime post-event when camps, cars, evidence, and witnesses are gone. Insurance agencies require a law enforcement report to file claims of theft.

This isn't legal advice or a comprehensive list of the regulations and laws that apply in Black Rock City, but here are some tips to keep you safe and avoid citation, arrest, and/or eviction from the premises. For information and advice applicable to a particular situation, you should consult with a lawyer.

■ The use and possession of **illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia** are violations of the law. Depending on the violation, you may receive a citation or be arrested and/or evicted from the event. The possession of large quantities or a variety of drugs may be interpreted as evidence of **intent to distribute or trafficking**, a serious felony offense. Giving illegal substances to someone else could also be considered drug trafficking.

■ **Prescription drugs** must be transported with the prescription and kept in the bottle you received from the pharmacist at all times.

- **Driving with an open container or under the influence of alcohol (DUI)** is illegal. Nevada's blood alcohol limit (BAC) is .08 for drivers 21 years of age and older, and 0.02 for drivers under 21.
- **Knowingly serving alcohol to minors** is illegal. If your theme camp has a bar where alcoholic drinks are gifted, the person serving alcohol should check that any person being served is at least 21. It is a state and local offense for anyone under 21 to consume alcoholic beverages or to try to pass themselves off as being of age. It is a violation of Pershing County law for minors to even possess alcoholic beverages.
- Any act of **assault or theft** is a violation of the law, and may be cited or arrested as a felony offense.
- **Possession or discharge of firearms or weapons** is prohibited.
- **Dumping, leaking or spilling greywater, black water, oil, or fuel** is illegal.
- **Use of drones is prohibited** unless the operator is registered through the Remote Control BRC program (RCBRC) and operates the drone in accordance with BRC policies and applicable federal laws and regulations.
- Human waste (urination and defecation) on the playa is a violation of federal regulations. You may be issued a ticket that will cost you hundreds of dollars.

The federal government does not recognize state laws decriminalizing marijuana for medical or recreational purposes.

The possession or use of marijuana is a federal infraction in the Black Rock-High Rock National Conservation Area where the Burning Man event takes place. Having a medical marijuana card is NOT a defense.

Adults aged 21 and over are permitted **under Nevada law** to possess and transport up to one ounce of marijuana (and up to ¼ ounce of concentrated marijuana) and marijuana paraphernalia within the state, but not on federal land — where the Black Rock City event takes place. The use of marijuana in public places other than licensed cannabis consumption lounges is still prohibited, as is possession or transportation of more than an ounce (which could be evidence of trafficking under state law). Other restrictions also apply.

See Nevada Revised Statutes Chapters 678A and 678D for the full text of Nevada's laws regulating medical and recreational marijuana. Remember that **marijuana remains illegal under federal law**, and BLM may cite anyone in Black Rock City for possession of any amount.



BLACK ROCK RANGERS

While Black Rock Rangers patrol the city, they are not law enforcement personnel. They are members of the Burning Man community, just like you. You can identify them by their hats and khaki-colored attire, featuring the familiar Burning Man logo in brown on their backs and chests. You can request their assistance at any time for disputes, emergencies, or questions. They are available 24/7 throughout Black Rock City, at Ranger Headquarters at 5:45 and Esplanade, and at the Ranger Outposts at the 3:00+C & 9:00+C plazas.



Outside of Black Rock City, we often only have law enforcement to call when we have a safety concern or need to settle things like a noise complaint or another issue with our neighbors. In BRC, we have veteran members of our community who can help mediate disagreements, find lost kids, address safety concerns, direct participants to resources and information, and even just help put a fresh set of eyes and ears on sticky problems. The Rangers' ideal outcome is to help people solve their own problems with a gentle nudge in the right direction, and then fade into the dust when they're not needed. Rangers can radio for law enforcement, medical and mental health staff, firefighting resources, and environmental clean-up teams if necessary.

HELP FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

If you need law enforcement assistance for any reason, please wave down a patrol unit, find a Black Rock Ranger who will help you contact law enforcement, or visit the law enforcement substation located at Esplanade and 5:15. The station is open 24/7 during the event and is staffed by BLM and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office.

LAW ENFORCEMENT FEEDBACK

If you have any feedback (negative or positive) regarding your experience with law enforcement, please fill out one of our Law Enforcement Feedback Forms at Playa Info, Black Rock Ranger HQ at 5:45 and Esplanade or online (burningman.org/event/black-rock-city-guide/law-enforcement) while the details are still fresh in your mind. Your feedback helps improve how we work with the agencies to ensure the safety of our event. It's important you fill out the form completely and truthfully. Include the officer's name, agency, vehicle license number, vehicle number (painted on the side of all law enforcement vehicles), badge number, time of day, details of the event, and the names of any witnesses. Avoid repeating stories you did not witness yourself and making accusations that can't be substantiated. We review feedback forms turned in during the event and discuss them with law enforcement agencies daily (without disclosing participants' names). The timely return of these forms enables us to act on them before the event is over.

WHY AM I GETTING PULLED OVER?

- Exceeding posted speed limits on the playa may result in a traffic stop and could escalate to a vehicle search, and a moving violation of \$250 or more.
- BLM regulations require all motorized vehicles driven at night, except for Mutant Vehicles and authorized golf carts, to have two working headlights, two working tail lights, and two working brake lights. Motor vehicles must display an unobstructed rear license plate.
- All vehicles must have a current registration sticker and insurance. All drivers must have their driver's license on them when operating any vehicle.
- You may only enter and exit the event site through the Gate. You may not enter or drive around the closed zone surrounding the event site except to approach the main Gate.
- Do not attempt to break through our city boundaries or avoid traffic at the conclusion of the event by driving around looking for an alternative route.
- Hiking in the closure order area is highly discouraged. Those on foot in this area should be prepared to show a ticket stub or risk citation by law enforcement.
- Visiting the hot springs during the event is not allowed.
- A copy of the closure order is made available at the BLM Mobile Command station at 5:30 and Esplanade.



LEAVE NEVADA BEAUTIFUL

TRASH, RECYCLING AND WASTEWATER

Pack your load securely and separate trash from recycling. (See Travel Tips on page 18) If you have to carry garbage on top of your vehicle, make sure it is double-bagged and strapped down securely. DO NOT discard refuse along the highway, in neighboring towns or rest areas, or behind private businesses. This reflects very poorly on our community and threatens our future. Dispose ONLY at authorized collection areas — several locations are nearby (see below). The Nevada Highway Patrol may issue tickets to anyone leaving trash on the ground. There can be a \$1,000 fine for littering.

GETTING TO & FROM BLACK ROCK CITY

Traffic is one of the biggest challenges our community faces. In addition to longer wait times to and from BRC, traffic places added stress on the surrounding rural area. Here is how we can work together to make a difference:

- Carpool! Fewer vehicles on the road will reduce wait times.
- Take the Burner Express: burnerexpress.burningman.org
- Arrive and depart at non-peak times to spread out vehicle traffic. Peak arrival and Exodus days are usually Sunday and Monday.
- Get traffic updates during your drive to or departure from BRC by listening to BMIR 94.5 FM (also streaming on iHeartRadio) and following @BManTraffic on Twitter.
- Inbound traffic on Saturday and Sunday causes major impacts to the surrounding communities. Please do not park on the sides of Highway 447 or CR 34, as this affects the ability of BRC participants, emergency service vehicles, and local communities to travel safely.

LOAD YOUR VEHICLE SAFELY!

Loading all vehicles properly will make your trip safer and less stressful. Apply these simple precautions to ensure safety:

Heavy items should be located low, centered, and over or between the axles. For trailers, load the heaviest items toward the front.

Secure your load with straps or rope, and batten it down with a tarp or net whenever possible to secure small items.

Make sure the brakes and lights work on your vehicle and any trailer you're towing.

Always use safety chains, installed between your trailer and the tow vehicle. Ensure they do not drag on the road, which can spark fires.

Do not overload the roof or roof rack on your vehicle. Items may fall off. A large number of trash bags are found along the roadside due to poorly secured loads, and must be cleaned up after the event by BRC's Highway Restoration volunteers.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Prepare your vehicle for this trip! In the Nevada desert in August, temperatures can reach greater than 100°F during the day. Vehicles are loaded with extra weight. Nevada Highway Patrol reports that bald tires are a significant factor in accidents and breakdowns — check your vehicle's tires and air pressure after loading your vehicle. Have your local mechanic inspect your radiator, tires (including your spare), belts, brakes, hoses, lights and fluids.

TRAVEL TIPS & REMINDERS

Many motorists travel on Interstate 80 until they reach the Wadsworth exit. I-80 is designed to accommodate several thousand vehicles per hour, but **highway 447 is a two-lane road with narrow dirt shoulders that drop off steeply in places, no rest areas and very few pull outs.** Highway 447 has many blind curves, grades, and soft sand roadway shoulders. Pay attention and obey all traffic laws. Please respect the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe while driving through their land. Remember you are an ambassador of Burning Man, and your actions reflect on the entire community.

- Highway 447 is an open range area: be prepared to share the road with livestock and wildlife. Cattle roam freely, and if you hit one, you can be held responsible for damages and loss of the animal (cows can cost more than \$2,000!).
- Avoid pulling over near curves and grades, which is extremely dangerous for you and other motorists when attempting to re-enter the roadway.
- If you need to pull over, look for a wide open area that doesn't have steep shoulders bordering the highway. This will reduce the potential for getting stuck in the soft sand shoulder (this happens a lot!).
- Most vehicle accidents with injuries occur on Highway 447 and County Road 34 on the final approach to BRC. Stay alert in this section.
- Passing a line of cars is incredibly dangerous — do not do it.
- Do not park alongside County Road 34. Law enforcement will ticket any vehicles that are parked by the roadside.
- Yield to emergency vehicles and respect Tribal and all emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Do not draft emergency vehicles. It is unsafe and potentially illegal.
- Do not throw cigarette butts — or anything — out the window!
- Gate Road is your only access to Black Rock City. There are no other routes.
- The edges of the playa are saturated with water. If you attempt to drive there, you risk getting stuck. Mired vehicles have remained stranded for days or weeks.

THERE ARE LIMITED SERVICES IN THE 76 MILES BETWEEN WADSWORTH & EMPIRE.

This means no reliable access to gas and no water. Plan accordingly. Be wary of picking up hitchhikers — they may not have a ticket! Insist on seeing proof of a ticket before giving anyone a ride.

EXODUS TRASH AND RECYCLING LOCATIONS

Leave Nevada Beautiful is our network of Burner-friendly authorized trash, recycling, and RV grey/black water servicing facilities where you can legally dispose of your waste on your way home after the Black Rock City event. Beware: you may encounter other “private enterprises” along the highways willing to take your trash for money. We cannot vouch for their standards of operation. Sometimes these private enterprises do a great job and provide a community service, but some operators have left all of their trash behind at their site after taking your money.

TRASH & RECYCLING LOCATIONS

Waste Management Stead Transfer Station

13890 Mt Anderson, Reno NV
(775) 972-9160

Open Labor Day. Tue – Sat 8 am–4 pm
\$25 min. per cubic yd.
recycling no charge/no buybacks

Waste Management Fernley/Churchill Transfer Station

1100 US Highway 95A, Fernley NV
(775) 329-8822

Closed Labor Day. Tue – Sat 8 am–4 pm
Closed for lunch 12 pm–4:30 pm
\$26 min. per cubic yd.
recycling no charge/no buybacks

Rabbit Traxx Truck Stop Mini-Mart

580 Patterson St., Cedarville CA
(530) 279-2022

24hrs Sat 8/28 - Wed 9/7
\$5 per kitchen size bag, \$10 per 35 gal.,
\$15 up to 55 gal., \$15 bike recycling
free recycling (please clean, sort, unbag
recyclables before deposit)
hazardous waste prohibited

TRASH ONLY LOCATIONS

Waste Management Lockwood Regional Landfill

2700 East Mustang Rd, Reno NV
(775) 329-8822

Closed Labor Day
Tues – Fri 8 am–4:30 pm
\$35 min. per cubic yd. (additional
charges based on type of waste)

Waste Management Commercial Row/Sage St. Transfer Station

1390 E. Commercial Row, Reno NV
(775) 326-2416

Open Labor Day
Mon – Fri 7 am – 5 pm
Sat - Sun 8 am – 4:30 pm
\$35 min per cubic yd.

RECYCLING ONLY LOCATION

Waste Management/RecycleAmerica — Reno Recycling Center

1390 E. Commercial Row, Reno NV
(775) 326-2381

Closed Labor Day
Tues – Fri, 8 am – 4:30 pm
free recycling no buybacks

RV DUMP: GREYWATER & BLACK WATER

Pyramid Lake Marina & Campground

2500 Lakeview Dr, Sutcliffe NV
(775) 476-1155

24 hr credit card kiosk \$10 dump station (must have hoses and elbow before payment)

Love's Travel Stop

825 Commerce Center Dr, Fernley NV
(775) 575-2200 24 hrs

\$10 grey and black water (must have own hose)

Golden Gate Petroleum

1055 S. Rock Blvd, Sparks NV
(775) 358-7400 5 am–9 pm

\$8 grey and black water
propane available, no potable water

TA Travel Center

200 N. McCarran Blvd, Sparks NV
(775) 359-0550 24 hrs

RVs and 55-gallon drums acceptable
\$5 grey water and black water

Modoc District Fairgrounds

1 Center St, Cedarville CA
(530) 279-2315 24hrs

5 trash per 13 gal.
\$10 trash up to 55 gal.
free recycle, free greywater

\$10 RV dump, \$20 RV hookup, \$5 bike recycle
\$10 dry camping, \$5 showers, non-perishable food
donations accepted for local shelter
Call to reserve storage

Alturas Chevron

1080 North Main St, Alturas CA
(530) 233-5114

Open everyday 5:30 am – 12 am
\$10 grey and black water

NOTE: Operating hours, prices, and services are accurate as of press-time and may be subject to change by the vendor. We recommend checking hours in advance.



MAP & DIRECTIONS TO BLACK ROCK CITY



➤ FROM THE SOUTHEAST

From Fallon, take Hwy 50 west 31 miles to Fernley. Drive through Fernley to Hwy 427. Stay on 427 for 5 miles to Wadsworth. Turn right onto Hwy 447. It's 75 miles to Gerlach.

➤ FROM THE WEST & SOUTHWEST

Route 1: From Reno take I-80 east 28 miles. Take the Wadsworth/Pyramid Lake Exit #43 to Hwy 447. Turn left—you can get gas here. Go north 1 mile to Wadsworth and turn left on Hwy 447. It's 75 miles to Gerlach.

Route 2: From Reno take I-80 east 4 miles. Take Exit #18 to Pyramid Way/Hwy 445. Turn left and travel north 31 miles. At Pyramid Lake, turn right on Hwy 446, and go east 12 miles to Nixon—you can get gas here. Turn left on Hwy 447, traveling north. It's 59 miles to Gerlach.

➤ FROM THE EAST

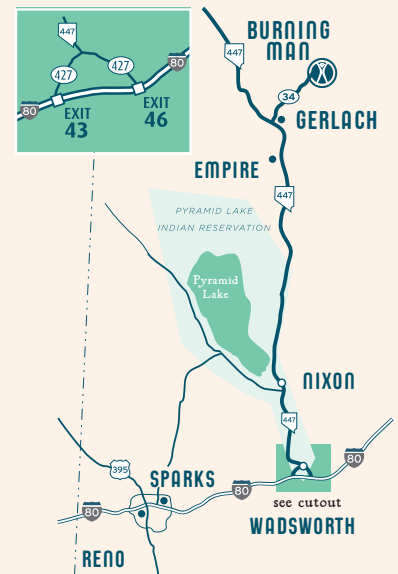
From Winnemucca, take I-80 for 130 miles to Fernley. Take Exit #46. You can get gas and supplies here. Turn right onto Hwy 427. Travel 5 miles to Wadsworth. Turn right onto Hwy 447. It's 75 miles to Gerlach. The other route from Winnemucca—Jungo Road—is a very treacherous dirt road, with easy-to-miss turns, and it is likely to cause a flat tire or worse.

➤ FROM THE NORTH

From US 395, go 25 miles east on Hwy 299 to downtown Cedarville. This is the last opportunity to fill up on gas, supplies, and services until Gerlach. From downtown, go south onto County Rd 1/Hwy 447 for 84 miles to Gerlach. Before entering Gerlach, turn left on County Road 34 and it's 8 miles to the Black Rock City entrance.

➤ GERLACH TO BLACK ROCK CITY

From Gerlach, go west on Hwy 447 for one mile to the fork. Take the right-hand fork, County Road 34, and continue 8 miles to the Black Rock City entrance. Note the 3-mile turn-off is NOT an entrance to Black Rock City. The 12-mile turn-off, just beyond ours, will also not take you to Black Rock City. Both will be patrolled by BLM Rangers.



EXODUS

While the event ends at 6 pm Monday, September 5, Exodus continues until noon Tuesday. Sunday and Monday are when most people leave, so if your schedule allows, use the extra time to rest for the drive, secure your vehicle loads, and MOOP your campsite.

Exodus wait times have peaked at about six to nine hours to get from camp to County Road 34. Plan for another three hours or more to get to Reno. Accidents or other traffic issues can make the trip even longer, so it's important to plan accordingly. Make sure you have water, snacks, and the things you need to take care of yourself accessible in your vehicle until you get to Reno.

Above all, keep that playa vibe with you! No sense getting road rage, cutting in front of fellow participants or trying to dangerously pass cars on the highway in order to save a few minutes. Take your time, have fun, and remember: Leaving No Trace and the Burning Man spirit do not stop once you leave Black Rock City.

PULSING: EXODUS PEAK TIMES

Pulsing is used to move vehicles at regular intervals toward the highway on Gate Road. Vehicles stop and turn off their engines, then, every hour, vehicles are pulsed a mile forward all at once. Pulsing does not get you out of the city more quickly, but it gives you a break from driving and is more environmentally friendly.

We may implement Pulsing at any time from 12:01 am Sunday morning until 11:59 pm Monday, or until it's no longer needed. Make the most out of your Exodus experience! Pack water, snacks, instruments and anything else to make the wait more fun. Have a one-hour dance party, help your fellow Burners properly secure their loads, and meet your neighbors in line.

Potties are available on the sides of Gate Road. Listen to BMIR 94.5 FM for Exodus and Pulsing info.

EXODUS QUESTIONS

For a full list of frequently asked questions about Exodus, go here: burningman.org/event/preparation/getting-there-and-back/exodus

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