

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 7
2026

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 gift-giving. 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.

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



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 Black Rock City (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 Mutant Vehicle 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 VEHICLE PASSES & TICKETS All vehicles driven into Black Rock City must display a valid vehicle pass. Will Call tickets can be retrieved at the Box Office, open 24 hours a day during the event, located just outside BRC's Main Gate. All tickets are subject to the 9% Nevada Live Entertainment Tax. If you need to make a payment on-site, please do so with a credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Will Call closes on Saturday, September 5, at noon.

12 EVENT ENTRY Our Gate opens at 12:01am Sunday, August 30. 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.



THIS SURVIVAL GUIDE IS ESSENTIAL READING!

Inhabiting Black Rock City can be a paradox: it is ephemeral, yet the experiences you share will stay with you forever. Every person who inhabits this city helps build it; there are no spectators. The more you plug in and participate, the deeper and more connective your journey promises to be.

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.

Burning Man is not a festival. It is a global cultural movement, with local communities, events, and projects flourishing around the world, all guided by the 10 Principles.





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 stirs up dust that poses a safety hazard. Tune in to Gate Advisory Radio Station (GARS) 95.1 FM for Gate updates, and BMIR at 94.5 FM for event info. **Stay up to date on travel times and more with the BRC Dashboard: brcdashboard.burningman.org**

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 Box Office parking lot. 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 the 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 travel time. Participants who leave and return are required to pay a fee.

PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY

Burning Man 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.

NO EARLY ARRIVALS


If you arrive in the hours before 12:01am Sunday, August 30, please **DO NOT wait on the side of the road along Hwy 447, CR 34 or in Gerlach or Empire.** Your best option is to proceed down Gate Road and park in the Opening Night Staging Lot. This will give you an opportunity to rest, stretch your legs, retrieve Will Call tickets from the Box Office, ponder the vagaries of life and meet your neighbors. You will not be penalized for arriving early. (You also don't get in any earlier.)

Before the Gate officially opens, a special Strike team is dispatched to open up extra lanes to process vehicles in the Opening Night Staging Lot. This highly experienced team of Gate staff will quickly check your tickets, search your vehicle, and route you back onto Gate Road.

If you are in the Staging Lot, stay sober — you will need to drive again before you arrive in Black Rock City. Law enforcement patrols Gate Road and they enforce the same traffic laws as they do on the paved streets.

CARPPOOLING

Need a lift to BRC and want to reduce greenhouse gasses at the same time? Carpooling is an easy way to share costs and a great option for those with extra space. Alternatively, you can book yourself on the Burner Express. Buses come from Reno and San Francisco directly to the playa. Visit burnerexpress.burningman.org.



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

PROHIBITED ITEMS

You may be denied entry if you bring any of the following:

Stowaways

Animals

Explosives, aerial flares, rockets and fireworks

Firearms or weapons of any kind

Hand-held or unregistered lasers

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

Unregistered drones (if you're not sure if your drone is registered, then it isn't — leave your drone at home!)

Plants, living or dead

ATVs and scooters

Motorcycles that are not a participant's transportation to BRC



BLACK ROCK CITY INFRASTRUCTURE



ON-PLAYA RESOURCES

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

ICE

LOCATIONS: Ice is sold at Arctica in Center Camp, 3:00 & G, 9:00 & G, and 6:15 & K (Large Order Outpost). The Outpost at 6:15 & K is the only location that allows vehicle traffic. **PRE-EVENT HOURS:** Thursday-Friday 12pm-5pm (Center Camp and Outpost only); Saturday-Sunday 12pm-5pm (Center Camp, 9:00, and Outpost only).

EVENT HOURS: All locations open Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm. On Sunday, only Center Camp and the Outpost are open 12pm-5pm. On Exodus Monday, only Center Camp and the Outpost are open 10am-12pm. **PAYMENT:** Center Camp, 3:00, and 9:00 accept cash, credit cards, and Apple Pay. The Outpost is strictly cash-free (cards/tap only). **LOGISTICS:** Ice is sold crushed or in blocks. **You must bring your own wagon or transportation to carry ice back to your camp.**

PLAYA INFORMATION

Playa Info at Esplanade & 5:45 is staffed by knowledgeable volunteers ready to answer your questions 9am to 6pm, unless otherwise posted. **You can find American Sign Language interpreters from 9am to 10pm**, 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, ride-shares, 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, wave down a patrol unit, find a Black Rock Ranger who will help you contact law enforcement, or visit the law enforcement substation at Esplanade & 5:15. The station is open 24/7 during the event and is staffed by BLM and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Black Rock City Emergency Services Department (ESD) personnel wear yellow "Emergency Services" shirts 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.

CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES

Black Rock City can be a hyper-stimulating place. If you're feeling overwhelmed, the Green Dot team of the Black Rock Rangers is 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 available. You can contact these resources at any first aid station, Ranger Outpost, or by contacting any staff member with a radio. The Survivor Advocate center is behind the ESD station 6, located @ 5:15 & Esplanade.

BMIR 94.5 FM

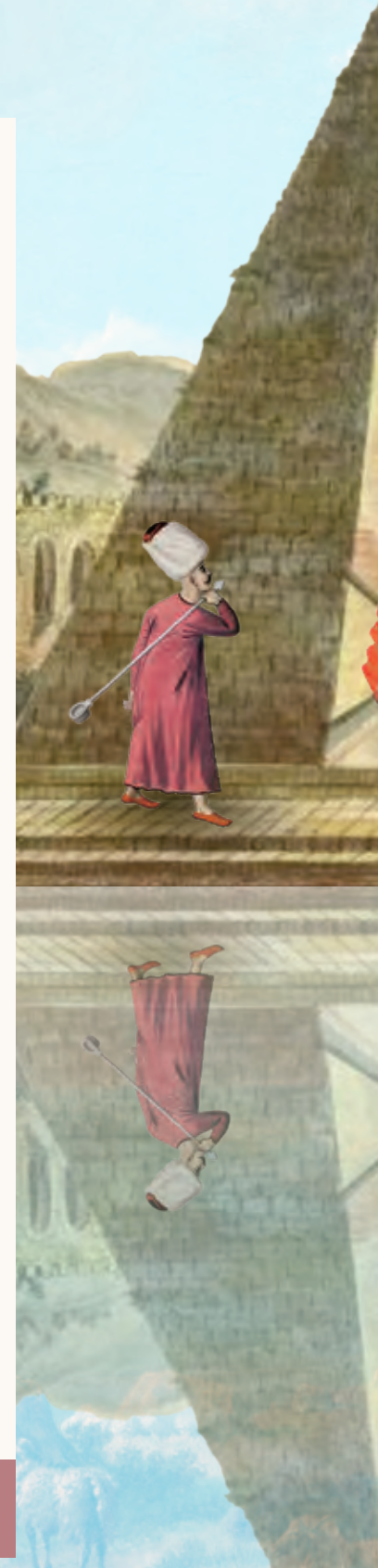
Burning Man Information Radio (BMIR) 94.5 FM broadcasts travel, emergency and general information, and community programming 24 hours a day. BMIR will also be available on mobile devices via iHeartRadio.com, providing traffic reports three times an hour during entry and Exodus. Stop by BMIR at 5:00 & A between 12pm and 4pm daily to record promos for your events and happenings... Tell the city what you're up to!

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. Do not send any packages addressed to Burning Man. 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.

VOLUNTEERING: THE V-SPOT

Volunteering is a great way to step up participation and connect with the event. There are ample opportunities to get involved and we encourage all citizens of BRC to stop by the V-Spot, open 9am to 5pm daily at Esplanade & 5:45, to learn more.



THE BRC DASHBOARD provides the latest traffic, weather and other critical information, all in one place. Find it at brcdashboard.burningman.org.



BURNING MAN PROJECT NONPROFIT

Burning Man Project is the nonprofit in service to the global Burning Man cultural movement. Year-round, Burning Man Project ignites participatory creativity by providing tools, inspiration and guidance to anyone wishing to spark Burning Man in their lives and communities. The nonprofit produces the Burning Man event in Black Rock City, and nurtures art, local gatherings and projects that help humanity and the world thrive.



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 at Esplanade & 6:15. 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, 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 Plaza; 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: lnf.burningman.org.

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.

RECYCLE CAMP

Pre-crush and sort your empty aluminum cans into a mesh bag (so they dry out!), then bring them to Recycle Camp at Esplanade & 5:35, between 9am and 5pm, Monday through Sunday. 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 5pm Sunday, or you'll have to pack your cans out yourself. No plastic, tin, or steel please. All proceeds are donated to the local Gerlach school district.

CENTER CAMP PLAZA & THE CANOPY

The Center Camp Plaza and its surrounding neighborhood form a living axis mundi within Black Rock City — a place where paths cross, conversations begin, and community gathers. Encircling the plaza, a ring of camps offers hands-on exhibitions, eccentric innovations, and immersive experiences that invite curiosity, play, and participation. The Canopy stretches across an acre of space, a shaded pavilion pulsing with life throughout the week. Here you will encounter performances of all kinds, music and circus acts, surreal salons, interactive art, and playful gatherings.

Open 24 hours a day throughout Burn Week, The Canopy remains one of the city's natural meeting points — a central place where friends reconnect, strangers become collaborators, and new adventures begin.

AIRPORT & PILOT POLICIES

Black Rock City Municipal Airport is a temporary, private airport (FAA identifier 88NV). The Airport is operational from 8am to 6pm daily for NEW ARRIVING passengers; during Exodus the hours change to 6am to 6:30pm for outbound traffic. **Passenger drop-offs and pick-ups are prohibited except by Mutant Vehicle or Airport/Burner Express Air Shuttle. 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 \$100 per-person airport use fee. Will Call tickets can be picked up at the Airport Box Office (AirBox) between 8am and 7pm.

BURN GARDENS/WOOD DONATION STATIONS

Now located only on Esplanade & 5:30 in front of MOOP Map HQ, burn platforms for the **burning of wood only** will be open to the community from Sunday, September 6, at 10am through Tuesday, September 8. Our friendly volunteer staff will be on hand to direct you as well as receive any donations of new and unused lumber. **No burning cardboard, paper, compost, recycling, trash, or toxic materials in the burn platforms.**

IT'S YOUR TASK TO ASK!

It's your responsibility to ask for consent before taking a photo.

BLACK ROCK CITY PLAN 2026



2026 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 2026 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 and 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.

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. 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 blue lights above the banks.

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 Mutant 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 an Accessibility 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 & BIKING SAFETY: 5 MPH IN BRC

The speed limit in BRC is 5 mph at all times — that’s ree-aaaally 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 (E-BIKES)

Speeding e-bikes are a BIG and growing concern! Participants frequently offer complaints and feedback about speeding e-bikes on playa. Reports of injuries from e-bikes abound in cities across the globe, and that now includes BRC.

E-bike operators MUST respect the 5 mph speed limit everywhere in BRC. Participants should also consider that e-bikes are valuable to thieves and susceptible to damage by the harsh climate of the Black Rock Desert. We will be closely monitoring e-bikes again this year.

- ✦ E-bike operators should only be using the level one speed setting in Black Rock City.

- ✦ Speeding on an e-bike may result in the mandatory removal of the e-bike from the event site.
- ✦ Participants who are discovered to have caused an injury or accident while speeding on an e-bike may be evicted from the event.

For your e-bike to be allowed in BRC, it must: be generally recognized as a bicycle; have 2-3 wheels; have working pedals; have an electric motor, up to 750 watts; have a top-rated speed of no more than 20 mph with a 170 lb. operator; not be a moped.

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 in Black Rock City 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 Burning Man. BRC 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.



LEAVING 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, and Leaving No Trace is one of our shared Principles. There is no garbage collection service in BRC. It is up to each 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 your 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 most likely MOOP offenders: glitter (not allowed in BRC), feathers, rhinestones, sequins, Astroturf, styrofoam coolers, plastic bags, paper, string, disposable drink cups, hay bales, straw, gravel — anything that can blow away in the wind.
- ♦ If you must buy single-serving drinks, choose aluminum cans over glass. Avoid plastic! Aluminum can be recycled at Recycle Camp.
- ♦ Carry a MOOP bag everywhere — deep playa, art pieces, dance floors — LNT applies everywhere, not just your camp.

- ♦ Smokers: use a pocket ashtray (like a mint tin) to collect butts and ashes — ash is MOOP too!
- ♦ Kitchens, workspaces, and construction zones create the most MOOP. Lay down a tarp to ease cleanup.
- ♦ Use rope or tie-downs to secure your camp gear and anything on your vehicle for the trip in or out.
- ♦ A handled milk or water jug works great for collecting camp MOOP — do it throughout the week.
- ♦ Showers produce gray water, which can’t touch the playa. Bring a containment device and conserve

- water with wipes, shorter showers, or showering with (consenting) friends. The less gray water you make, the less you haul out.
- ♦ Don’t want to take gray water home? You have options! The Playa Living section of burningman.org has great ideas for properly dealing with gray water.
- ♦ Bringing generator fuel? Pack a secondary container to catch leaks and protect the playa.
- ♦ Want more tips? Check out the Earth Guardians’ tips for keeping Burning Man clean and green. earthguardians.net/sustainable-black-rock-city.

HOW WE, AND YOU, LEAVE NO TRACE

In 2019, we made a giant leap with our Environmental Sustainability Roadmap, which outlines **three important goals** we wish to attain by 2030:

NO MATTER OUT OF PLACE: Handle waste ecologically;

BE REGENERATIVE: Create a net-positive ecological and environmental impact;

BE CARBON NEGATIVE: Remove more carbon from the environment than we put into it.

These goals are in line with what we all need to do to ensure that Earth is a viable ecosystem — and we

believe that the Burning Man community has a pivotal role to play.

As it was the previous three years, the Man and Temple will be 100% powered by solar and renewables in 2026. Theme camps are joining in greening too. The Green Corridor will be along 4:00 in Black Rock City. You can identify Green Corridor camps by flags with the Green Corridor logo. Stop by for a grouping of camps setting the bar for renewable energy, regenerative waste systems, and more!





ON PLAYA

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.
- ✦ If you see MOOP, pick it up — the dust quickly makes it hard to spot. MOOP attracts more MOOP.
- ✦ Do regular MOOP sweeps: line up campmates arm's-width apart and walk your camp, picking up MOOP. Do this before setup, during the event, and after.
- ✦ Wood is MOOP! Sawdust, splinters, and bark create major issues. Use a tarp or rug under wood-cutting stations and firewood storage.
- ✦ **Account for and remove all of your tent stakes/rebar/lag bolts/spikes.** Tent stakes are now the #1 source of MOOP — and they're dangerous. Remove all stakes, rebar, lag bolts, and spikes. Mark them before installation to make removal easy.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE BRC

- ✦ MOOP sweep your camp in a grid with your crew, shoulder-to-shoulder. Pick up everything. Use a magnet bar or rake for a final pass.
- ✦ Join a community clean-up Sunday or Monday post-Burn. All citizens of BRC are asked to spend two hours MOOPing beyond your camp. Earth Guardians can guide you to a cleanup project.
- ✦ Cover and secure your load. Pack tightly so nothing blows off. Put light items on the bottom and distribute weight evenly.

ON YOUR WAY HOME

Leaving No Trace does not end when you hit the pavement. **Do not dump your trash in neighboring communities!** See page 19 for waste and recycling locations.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

You'll see more solar technology being used to power art and infrastructure across Black Rock City — including the Man Pavilion, the Temple, and even three weeks of solar-powered construction during the Temple's pre-event build. You will continue to see expanded efforts to reduce fossil fuel use and emissions in Black Rock City as we continue to scale our solar program, implement hybrid battery generator technologies throughout our grid infrastructure, test new innovative technologies for community feedback and increase our usage of renewable fuels.

Everyone in Black Rock City can be involved by understanding your own energy needs and learning how to utilize renewable power to meet them. Please check out our resources available on Burning Man Hive, to help estimate your load profile and power needs.

Visit burningman.org/green-your-burn and burningman.org/sustainability to learn more.

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 it up 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 burn scars. 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 inches 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. Never place your liquid fuel containers directly onto the playa, even temporarily! 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



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 keys 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. (See page 4 for Medical Station locations and info.)

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. In low visibility you 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.

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. Glow sticks and bracelets don't cut it and become instant trash and potential MOOP. Lasers are not appropriate lighting for your bike.

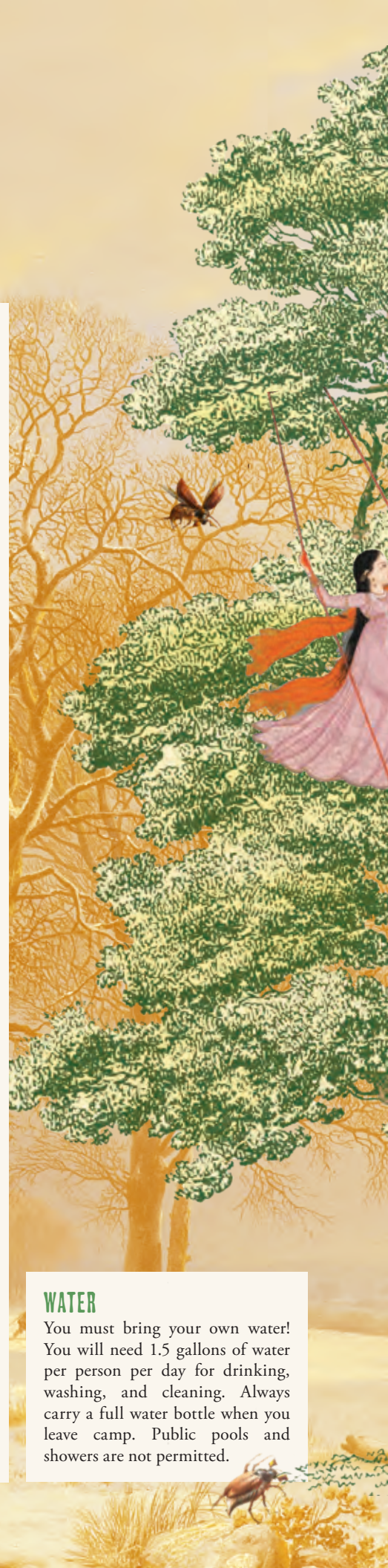
RAINSTORMS

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 (and remember... your vehicle has a radio!). BMIR (94.5 FM) broadcasts news and announcements at the top of the hour.

The BRC Dashboard has need-to-know information including weather:
BRCDASHBOARD.BURNINGMAN.ORG.

If rain is headed our way:

- ♦ WALK back to your camp and batten it down. Don't bike or drive; playa mud clogs wheels fast.
- ♦ Move food, meds, bedding, and clothes to dry, elevated spots.
- ♦ Stay off scaffolding, art, and vehicle roofs.
- ♦ Cover or secure anything electrical.
- ♦ Elevate power connections on wood blocks and seal with tape.
- ♦ Don't run generators or electric tools in water.
- ♦ Check with your campmates and neighbors to make sure they're prepared.
- ♦ Absolutely no driving in wet areas — only emergency vehicles allowed.



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.





PERSONAL SURVIVAL CHECKLIST


YOU MUST BRING

- Your ticket or photo ID and confirmation number for Will Call pickup
- 1.5 gallons of water per person per day
- Reusable water bottle
- Food & beverages
- Extensive first aid kit
- Sunscreen/sunblock & sunglasses
- Warm clothing
- Particle/dust mask
- Goggles to protect eyes during dust storms
- 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
- Rain gear & footwear
- 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 original containers), contact lens supplies (disposables are ideal), and anything needed to maintain your health in a remote, service-free area
- Fire extinguishers
- Battery-powered AM/FM radio to listen to BMIR and stay informed
- 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)
- Cooking stove for heating food or liquids
- Working bicycle (mountain bikes or cruisers with balloon tires are best)
- Bike lock (tag your bike with name, playa address, email and/or phone info)
- Bike repair kit: pump, spare parts, extra tubes
- Portable shower with gray water collection
- Lotion, lip balm and earplugs (not everyone will want to sleep when you do!)
- Waterproof bags for electronics
- Costumes, musical instruments, props, decorations, and anything that might make the experience more fun for you and your playa neighbors
- Fire blanket
- Camp marker (flag, banner, or something distinctive)
- 12" tent stakes (rebar or lag bolts)
- Plastic bottles/tennis balls to cap rebar stakes
- Spare car keys (they vanish easily!)
- Reusable travel coffee mug
- Emergency toilet: 5-gallon bucket + liners (can double as MOOP bin)
- Phone straps





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 gray 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 gray 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 signs to find their way around. **All signs must remain in place through the Temple burn on Sunday night.** We need your help to stop 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 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 unless the creator is registered as professional media and has received 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 Esplanade & 6:15, next to the ARtery. If they do not have a media tag, find a Black Rock Ranger immediately. UAVs or drones must be registered — **you may not fly your drone in BRC unless it has been pre-registered.** 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

Animals, especially dogs, are not permitted at the Burning Man event. If you show up with your animal (dog or otherwise), you will not be admitted to the event. This restriction is for the well-being and safety of participants and their animal 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.

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.

YOUR WELL-BEING

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

- ♦ Stay hydrated and bring water everywhere; don't forget electrolytes.
- ♦ Get enough sleep and eat healthy, nourishing food.
- ♦ Don't eat or drink anything if you don't know what's in it.
- ♦ Be aware of intentional dosing ("roofies") and exercise caution.
- ♦ If you think you've been dosed, seek help immediately.
- ♦ If someone seems overly intoxicated, check in and ask if they need help — especially if they're being led away by someone who isn't.
- ♦ If you or someone around you needs help, seek out a Black Rock Ranger, medical personnel, or law enforcement officer. They're there for your safety and will assist you.
- ♦ The Green Dot team of Black Rock Rangers are trained to support people going through challenging emotional processes. Seek them out.

THE TEMPLE

The Temple is a gift to the Black Rock City community. We are asked to accommodate each other when visiting, and show respectful consideration of the structure itself, the land upon which it is built, and the indigenous inhabitants who walked this earth for thousands of years. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe requests participants refrain from leaving cremated human remains in the Temple. Photographing or recording other participants, including anyone who may appear in your shot, is strictly prohibited without their consent. This applies to their presence, personal moments, and offerings, across all devices including cellphones, cameras, and smart eyewear. Only official Black Rock City media badge holders may capture content in the Temple, with permission from Media Mecca and Temple Guardians. The Temple will stop receiving visitors at sunrise on the Sunday before Labor Day to safely secure the perimeter. The Temple burn is scheduled for approximately 8pm PT on Sunday.

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 bureauoferotictimediscourse.net.

RADICAL INCLUSION, DIVERSITY & EQUITY

All of BRC's Participation Forms now include questions to learn about how artists, camps, and mutant vehicles are supporting the goal of a more diverse citizenry, and we're supporting access to our most committed groups. Visit the queerborough in the 7:30 sector, and be sure to check the *WhatWhereWhen* guide for more events on topics related to diversity and Radical Inclusion. Onward, towards a more Radically Inclusive Black Rock City!

THE TEMPLE IS A SPACE FOR REMEMBRANCE, REFLECTION, AND RELEASE — NOT FOR PROMOTING CAUSES OR AGENDAS. DESECRATING OR INTENTIONALLY DAMAGING ANY OFFERING IN THE TEMPLE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.



RULES & REGULATIONS 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 effort should continue when we're off the playa too! 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. Some 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," and "Black Rock City," the trademarked Man logo, and any imagery from the event (including of the Man sculpture) may not be used to promote a product, service, or brand.

Using Burning Man for marketing purposes is not just a violation of Burning Man's Principles, but also our ticket terms and conditions (to which everyone agrees when they go to Black Rock City), and federal law.

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 at Esplanade & 6:15. If you see examples off-playa (on social media, etc.), please report them to ip@burningman.org.

SERVING FOOD & BEVERAGES

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 temporary permit from the Central Nevada Health District (CNHD). You don't need a permit for bar ice, but your ice must come from a source approved by the CNHD, such as local stores or Arctica. The CNHD 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 www.centralnevadahd.org/burning-man.





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 generating 75 decibels at the center of all streets except Esplanade/2:00/10:00. 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 burningman.org/black-rock-city/preparation/infrastructure/sound-policy/.

HOT SPRINGS ARE OFF LIMITS

The Bureau of Land Management prohibits participants from using any of the local hot springs during the event.

RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORS

With more than 70,000 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. There are also RV parks, a restaurant, auto/tow service, and a car wash in Wadsworth and Nixon.

Along the road, Tribal members offer services such as car washes, tacos, food drives, and trash collection. Note, all vendors are required to register with the Tribal government. 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

Be considerate of the year-round residents of Gerlach and Empire. Drive slowly and carefully, don't block driveways or streets. There are two gas stations, a market, water store, restaurant, and several street vendors. If you do pull over to patronize these businesses, please do so safely and avoid causing traffic issues. Regular traffic laws apply, and you may be ticketed for obstructing traffic or creating a nuisance. If parking lots are full, please proceed on your journey.

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. For more info, visit burningman.org/event/preparation/local-towns.





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

The Pershing County Sheriff and Bureau of Land Management (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 State Police, 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 a crime during the event, report it IMMEDIATELY. The 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.

- ✦ The use and possession of **illegal 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.
- ✦ Any act of **assault or theft** is a violation of the law, and may be cited or arrested as a felony offense.
- ✦ **Knowingly serving alcohol to minors** is illegal. If your camp has a bar where alcoholic drinks are served, 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.
- ✦ **Possession or discharge of firearms or weapons** is prohibited.
- ✦ **Dumping, leaking or spilling gray water, black water, oil, or fuel** is illegal.
- ✦ **Flying unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), known as drones, is forbidden in Black Rock City without prior registration and permission.** If you're not sure if you have permission to fly your drone, then you don't!
- ✦ **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. And absolutely do not use artwork as a toilet.

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 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 2.5 ounces 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 2.5 ounces (which could be evidence of trafficking under state law). Other restrictions also apply.

See Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 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.

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 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 Law Enforcement Substation at 5:15 & Esplanade and at Playa Info.

BLACK ROCK RANGERS

Black Rock Rangers patrol the city, but they are not law enforcement personnel. They are members of the Burning Man community, just like you. Black Rock Rangers are participants, volunteering to help other participants. 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 Esplanade & 6:30 and at the Ranger Outposts at the 3:00 & C and 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 such as 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 & 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 feedback — positive or negative — regarding your experience with law enforcement, fill out a Law Enforcement Feedback Form at Playa Info, Black Rock Ranger HQ at 6:30 & Esplanade or online at burningman.org/law-enforcement while details are fresh. Your input helps improve safety and agency collaboration. Be complete and truthful. Include the officer’s name, agency, badge number, vehicle/license info, time of day, event details, and witnesses. Avoid repeating stories you did not witness yourself and making accusations that can’t be substantiated. Forms submitted during the event are reviewed daily (anonymously) with law enforcement. Timely feedback helps us act before the event ends.





TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION



GETTING TO & FROM BLACK ROCK CITY

Traffic is one of the biggest challenges this 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), by listening to public service announcements during arrival and Exodus on GARS (Gate Advisory Radio Station) at 95.1 FM, and checking the **BRC Dashboard at brcdashboard.burningman.org**.
- ♦ 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.

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

Most drivers reach Black Rock City via I-80 to the Wadsworth exit, then take **Highway 447 — a narrow, two-lane road with narrow steep dirt shoulders, blind curves, grades, and few pullouts**. Drive carefully, obey traffic laws, and respect the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe — you represent the Burning Man community.

- ♦ Highway 447 is open range: livestock and wildlife roam freely. If you hit livestock, 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, only stop in wide, flat areas to avoid getting stuck in soft shoulders (this happens a lot!).
- ♦ Most injury accidents happen on Highway 447 and County Road 34 on the final approach to BRC. Stay alert.
- ♦ Never pass a line of cars — it's extremely dangerous.
- ♦ Don't park along County Road 34 — you will be ticketed.
- ♦ Yield to and never draft emergency or Tribal vehicles.
- ♦ Never toss cigarette butts or trash out the window.
- ♦ Gate Road is your only access to Black Rock City. There are no other routes.
- ♦ Stay off the playa edges — they're waterlogged, and vehicles get stuck for days or even weeks.

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 crew.



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.

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.

TRASH, RECYCLING LOCATIONS & RV DUMP LOCATIONS

Leave Nevada Beautiful is our network of Burner-friendly authorized trash, recycling, and RV gray/black water servicing facilities where you can legally dispose of your waste on your way home after the Black Rock City event.

Beware: While 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

Waste Management — Stead Transfer Station (Trash & Recycling)
13890 Mt Anderson, Reno NV
(775) 972-9160 Tue - Sat: 8am - 4pm
(not typically open Mondays, but open Labor Day)

Waste Management — Fernley/Churchill Transfer Station (Trash & Recycling) 1100 US Highway 95A, Fernley NV • (775) 329-8822
8am - 4:30pm (closed Labor Day)

Waste Management — Lockwood Regional Landfill (Trash & Cardboard and Wood Recycling Only)
2700 East Mustang Rd, Reno NV
(775) 342-0401
Monday to Saturday, 8am - 4:30pm;
(closed Labor Day)

Waste Management — Commercial Row/Sage St. Transfer Station (Trash & Mixed, Cardboard Recycling)
1390 E. Commercial Row, Reno NV
(775) 326-2416

Trash: Monday - Friday, 7am - 5pm;
Saturday & Sunday 8am - 4:30pm;
Open Labor Day
Mixed Recycling: Monday-Friday,
7:30am-3pm

1100 E. Commercial Row, Reno, NV
Cardboard Recycling: Monday- Friday,
7:30am-3pm

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Some tribal entrepreneurs set up trash and recycling collection stations on tribal lands along Hwy 447. We want to support these local businesses! We also caution you to ensure the business you're patronizing has a Pyramid Lake issued permit.

RECYCLING ONLY

Nevada Recycling & Salvage
1085 Telegraph St., Reno NV
(775) 870-0812 Mon - Fri 6:30am-4pm • Sat, 7am-12pm **Closed**
Sundays & Labor Day

RV DUMP — GRAY & BLACK WATER

Pyramid Lake Marina
2500 Lakeview Dr., Sutcliffe NV
(775) 476-1155
Open 7 days/week; closes at 8pm

Flying J Travel Center #1005
480 Truck Inn Way, Fernley NV
(775) 575-5919 I-80, Exit 48
Open 7 days/week; 5am-6pm

Golden Gate Petroleum
1055 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks NV
(775) 358-7400
7 days/week; 24 hours/day

Love's Travel Stop
825 Commerce Center Dr.,
Fernley NV
(775) 575-2200
7 days/week; 24 hours/day

Alturas Chevron
1080 North Main St., Alturas CA
(530) 233-5114
7 days/week; 5am - 12am
(Sometimes 24 hours)

TA Travel Center
200 N. McCarran Blvd., Sparks NV
(775) 359-0550
7 days/week; 24 hours/day

RV SERVICING / DUMP STATIONS / TRASH

Modoc District Fairgrounds
1 Center St., Cedarville CA
(530) 279-2315 • 7 days/week; 24 hours/day, also accepts trash

SCAN THIS QR CODE

or visit survival.burningman.org/leave-no-trace/leave-nevada-beautiful for the latest info on trash, recycling, and RV dump sites (gray and black water) on your way home.



Note: Operating hours, prices, and services may be subject to change by the vendor.

MAP & DIRECTIONS TO BLACK ROCK CITY



SCAN THIS QR CODE
for the BRC Dashboard
with the latest traffic, weather and
other critical information.

➔ 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.

EXODUS

While the event ends at 6pm Monday, September 7, Exodus continues until noon Tuesday. Most people leave Sunday or Monday. If you can, take extra time to rest, secure your load, and MOOP your site before heading out.

Exodus wait times can hit 6 to 9 hours just to reach County Road 34, plus another three hours or more to Reno. Accidents and delays happen, so pack water, snacks, and essentials where you can reach them.

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 12:01am Sunday morning until 11:59pm 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.

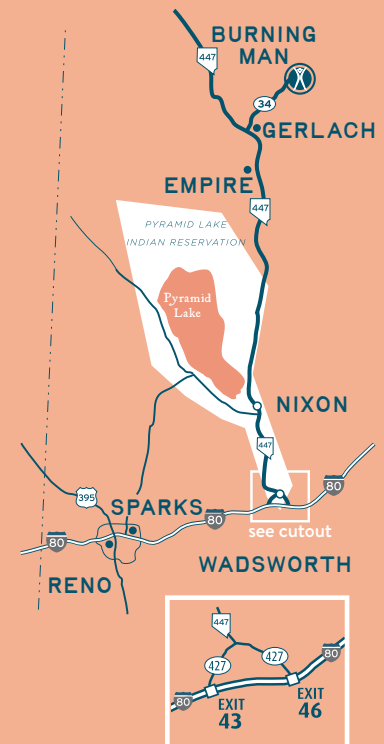
Potties are available on the sides of Gate Road. Listen to GARS 95.1 FM and BMIR 94.5 FM for Exodus and pulsing info. **Stay up to date on travel times with the BRC Dashboard: brcdashboard.burningman.org.**

EXODUS QUESTIONS

For a full list of frequently asked questions about Exodus, go here: burningman.org/exodus.

➔ 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.



The Wadsworth Bypass is now open! It connects SR 427 to SR 447 just east of the I-80 Smoke Shop & Gas Station, speeding travel to Black Rock City and reducing traffic in Wadsworth.

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