**Taking the playa to the planet**

Apart from the annual event in Nevada, Burning Man is a non-profit organization developing arts, civic engagement and education programs based on the Ten Principles that people can replicate in their own communities. Programs include Burning Man Arts which works to place large scale interactive art both on and off the playa; the Global Network made up of 220 representatives in 28 countries across five continents; subsidiary non-profits such as Black Rock Without Borders; and associated non-profits such as Black Rock Solar who embody Burning Man’s ethos. Whether Burning Man happens in Black Rock City or around the world, the Ten Principles provide a guiding social and cultural framework for a more creative and connected world. Visit “Everywhere Pavilion” at 6:30 & Excalade to learn how you can support these activities!

**Freedom & the media**

Filmmakers, storytellers, and reporters are Burners too. Photography is a form of artistic self-expression and, for better or worse, there are thousands of cameras in BRC. But relax: media are required to register and operate in a manner that protects you and your right to express yourself freely. Professional cameras are marked with large, colorful, numbered tags.

ASK FIRST Media are required to register and offer you a model release to sign. At any point you may ask someone to stop filming or taking pictures of you and they MUST comply immediately.

SPEAK UP If you see anyone with a camera, behaving inappropriately or invading someone’s privacy, report such activity to a Ranger and/or Media Mecca (along Inner Circle across from Center Camp) as quickly as possible. We take this issue very seriously.

**Weather**

Weather in the Black Rock Desert is variable and unpredictable. Keep your belongings (tents, chairs, art, stuff) battened down -- winds can suddenly gust up to 70 MPH! Secure everything in your camp! Carry water and a dust mask with you at all times — you never know how long you’ll be gone or how the weather might change. In the event rains come (yes, it happens!), tune in to BMIR and stay put. Rain turns the playa to thick muck in a flash — your vehicle will get stuck! Don’t drive and don’t fret. Just stay tuned for more info about conditions and what to expect.

**Exodus**

If you leave on Sunday or Monday be prepared to WAIT. Emptying a city of 70,000 along a two-lane road is a long process that requires patience. If you’re able to stay, the breakdown camp and MOOP the city, consider leaving on Tuesday. Listen to BMIR on the hour every hour for traffic updates and tune into the Gate Advisory Radio Station (GARS) at 95.1 for BRC while on Gate Road. Please don’t stop in Gerlach on the way out during peak times. Do your part to keep traffic moving safely. Breaking camp, MOOPing, sleepless nights, and physical exertion take their toll and make for some very tired commuters. Each year participants get into serious vehicle accidents after falling asleep at the wheel. We love you (really!), and we want you to be safe. Make sure that someone is alert and able to drive. Don’t pass people on the road. Please drive safe!

**Legal tip:**

1. Don’t drink and drive! 2. No open alcohol containers in vehicles within the driver’s reach. 3. No underage drinking. Ask and Grouck ID’s. 4. Drugs and drug paraphernalia are illegal. 5. Gifting drugs could be considered trafficking. 6. Medical marijuana is NOT recognized by the federal government.
Where does the temple burn?  The Temple is scheduled to burn at 8:00 PM on Sunday, 8/31. The time of this special burn was moved earlier beginning in 2012 to help mitigate Exodus traffic. Don’t miss it!

Bring your own cup (BYOC)!  Carry a cup (or mug) with you!  Center Camp Café and theme camps will thank you for reducing waste - AND you’ll be ready to consume beverages everywhere, always.

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Food water safety  The Nevada State Health Division (NSHD) is onsite to protect your health and safety.  An NSHD representative may visit your camp.  If you plan to give away food or fresh juice beverages or are serving more than 125 campers at a time, you must have obtained a health permit in advance.  If you have applied for a permit, pick it up at Playa Info between 2:30 pm before you start serving food!  NSHD will be at Playa Info in Center Camp Sunday, Aug. 24 through Friday Aug. 29 from 1-2:30 pm.  Public pools and public showers are prohibited.

The Man  The Man’s perimeter is called “L3K” and is marked by orange ground rings on the playa.  And that’s just about everything (even wood splinters and sawdust!).  Never let it hit the ground!  Monitor the MOOP.  Put cardboard under spills and take all human waste to RV dumps.  Never dump trash on highways or in neighboring towns.

Community outposts  Community outposts @ 3 and 9 o’clock Plazas offer ice, medical and Black Rock Ranger services.  You will also find large wooden kiosks chock full of need-to-know BRC info.

Don’t burn usable lumber!  Wood Donation Stations at the Burn Gardens will be open starting Sunday at 7 a.m. through Tuesday afternoon.  Wood will be reused to reduce our environmental footprint.  Only good quality and new, usable wood please.  No screws, nails or cuts.

Water trucks  If you’re following a water truck, stop and take a different route.  Don’t chew up the wet roads!  Be a friend!  Stay off their tail!  The water trucks work 24/7 to keep the dust down and define all the roads.

Leave No Trace

Trash & recycling!  There are 24-hour drop off locations along all Exodus routes (see extra hangtag for details).  Recycling is free.  Trash is $5/bag.  Human and other hazardous waste is absolutely prohibited.  Proceeds support local community organizations.  Aluminum cans (only) can be picked up right here on the playa.  Bring them to Recycle Camp in Center Camp.  Hours: Mon-Sun 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

A word about waste  Do NOT put baby or hand wipes in the porta potties.  Even if it says ‘flushable’ on the package!  These pesky buggers clog up the removal system, forcing the truck driver to stop the entire process and reach in shoulder-deep to remove your trash.  That’s just gross.  No MOOP in the poop!  None!  Got it?  If it wasn’t in your body don’t put it in the potty.

Community burn gardens  Located at 3, 6 and 9 o’clock near Promontory and Esplanade, the Burn Gardens are a cluster of Burn Platforms used for burning WOOD.  No trash, recycling, compost or anything toxic.

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Where to camp?  The 9:00 side of BRC tends to fill up first.  Your best chance for space will be on the 3:00 side, especially near Promontory.  The 9:00 side of BRC tends to fill up first.  Your much overlooked 6:00 zone.

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