

Black Rock City

2010 TIP SHEET



COMMUNITY OUTPOSTS @ 3 and 9 o'clock PLAZAS

Please note the location of your nearest CIVIC PLAZA if you're not setting up near Center Camp. In addition to ICE SALES, MEDICAL STATIONS and RANGER OUTPOSTS, these plazas will also contain PUBLIC INFORMATION KIOSKS posted with valuable information every participant needs to know.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT BURNING MAN

Remember, numerous law enforcement agencies patrol Black Rock City and all federal, state, and local laws are in effect. Please read the law enforcement section of the Survival Guide for more information.

LAW ENFORCEMENT FEEDBACK If you do have an encounter with law enforcement, the Burning Man organization wants to know as much as possible about the interaction. Please fill out a Law Enforcement Agency Feedback Form at Black Rock Ranger HQ in the outposts in the 3 o'clock plazas. Please share all negative feedback! Be sure to obtain as much information as you can for the Feedback Form including the officer's name, agency, (e.g. federal BLM; Pershing County), vehicle license plate number, badge number, time of day, details of the event, and the names of any witnesses.

Here's a reminder about some of the laws to be aware of:

- Don't drink and drive. Be safe!
- No open alcohol containers in vehicles within the driver's reach.
- No underage drinking is allowed. Ask and check ID's!
- Drugs and drug paraphernalia are illegal.
- Medical Marijuana laws are not recognized as legal by the BLM, who are present.
- Gifting or trading drugs could rise to the level of drug trafficking, not just simple possession.

WEATHER / STORMS

The weather can turn on a dime in the desert and go from mild to strong in a blink. ALWAYS keep camp items (tents, chairs, papers) battened down, and secure your belongings well before leaving your camp. In the event the clouds part or things get truly hairy, tune in to BMIR (94.5 FM) for more info — and stay put (do not drive) if it really starts to rain in earnest — you'll get stuck! Look at all that gear you brought with you — we'll be just fine where we are if adverse weather happens. Just stay tuned in for what to expect and how to deal.

PROTECT THE POTTIES

We say this all the time, and we're saying it again: **IF IT WASN'T IN YOUR BODY, DON'T PUT IT IN THE POTTY.**

This means, do NOT put hand wipes or other related items in the porta potties. Do you think we mean it, or what? For serious: don't be the jackass that causes the pumper truck driver to stop his routine to reach shoulder deep to unblock your handy wipes or other trash. That's just nasty, and we could risk being turned away from processing plants in Reno if there's MOOP in the poop. We like to keep those potty service guys happy, for the sake of everyone who uses their services (um, that's all of us, get it?). We implore you to do the same.

LEAVE NO TRACE!

You've brought yourself out to a desert where sudden winds can carry trash away without warning. Dust is a fact of life at Burning Man. It only takes a few minutes to bury a stray object instantly, out of sight until the spring rain. Therefore, we remind you once again, **> NEVER LET IT HIT THE GROUND <** Don't think you'll pick up those stray bottle caps right before you go home; they may disappear under dust by then! Out here, any trash that hits the ground is called Matter Out Of Place (MOOP) and it's time to make MOOP your sworn enemy. Burning Man is one of the largest Leave No Trace events in the world! Take pride, take the time, do it for the desert, make your mother proud and MASTER THE MOOP!

EXODUS

Yep, we know you just arrived, but remember this for later: a two-lane highway accommodates just so many cars at once - so it will take a long time to get out of BRC if you leave when everyone else does. First, tune in to BMIR 94.5 for BRC traffic information and the best departure times. If you plan to leave during peak hours (Sunday midday, and again Monday midday) be prepared to be patient and experience a long wait to get to the main road. Pay careful attention to the flagging teams who are there to keep traffic moving. You must expect some delays — pack a snack, keep water handy and enjoy the slow crawl as a final chance to interact with other citizens and say goodbye to BRC. If you think you'll skip the line by heading out any "side entrances" or sneaking around to the front of the line, please be aware that doing so is a TICKETABLE OFFENSE — you'll be fined by the Bureau of Land Management, who take this issue very seriously. Pack carefully, rest well, and be prepared to wait it out on the way out, or, leave during off hours when roads are clearer. BMIR 94.5 provides current information regularly. The end of the event can be an emotional and exhausting time for participants, staff, and volunteers alike. Breaking down camp, MOOPing, days of partial sleep, and physical exertion can all take their toll and make for some very tired commuters. The Nevada Highway Patrol recently reported that A LEADING CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS LEAVING THE PLAYA LAST YEAR ON HWY 447 WAS FALLING ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL! We love you, (really!) and we want you to be safe so please make sure that someone is alert and able to drive. You may also consider taking just one extra day (hey, it's just work right?) and staying the night in Reno or some other stop before trying to do the high speed burn all the way to your front door. Whatever you choose...be safe!

HEALTH DEPARTMENT — FOOD/WATER SAFETY

If someone comes into your camp with a Nevada State Health Division uniform and badge please don't be alarmed. Each year the State Health Division is onsite to promote and protect the health of our city. A permit is required if you plan to give away food or beverages. Also, large public pools and public showers are prohibited. If you'd like more information then stop by the Health Dept. at Playa Info from 9-10am Monday thru Friday, to find out the exact times when a Health Division Representative will be available each day for questions.

PARK IT. LEAVE IT. There is NO DRIVING in Black Rock City. You may not cruise around in your car to check things out. The only motor vehicles allowed to move around are staff/emergency vehicles and the delightfully artistic Mutant Vehicles that roam our city — which must register pre-event. Find your camp, park your car, and leave it parked all week. On your way into the city, keep it to 5 MPH. Any faster kicks up dust and is not safe in a pedestrian / bicycle city.

FREEDOM AND THE MEDIA

Photography is art! Filmmakers and reporters are burners too! Yes, there are thousands of cameras in Black Rock City. But you can relax: media and professionals are required to register with Burning Man, and to comport themselves in accordance with an agreement designed to protect your right to express yourself freely. We require that they ask permission to focus their camera on you, and offer you a model release to sign when filming you for such purposes. We expect them to interact with participants and join the community, and most of all, to be respectful. They're not permitted to just breeze in, film the shiny stuff, and breeze out without making a connection. Media cameras are clearly marked with large, colorful numbered tags. Camera people should make an effort to identify themselves and reveal their registration/tag number if asked. If you see anyone (professional or not) behaving with a camera in an inappropriate fashion or actually invading someone's privacy, please report such activity to a Ranger or at Media Mecca in Center Camp as quickly as possible. We take this issue very seriously. To get a look at this year's professional and personal-use camera tags up close, swing by Media Mecca, Playa info, or a Community Info Kiosk in the Plazas to see our "Camera Tags" poster.

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Men are respectable only as they respect." With that in mind, respect your fellow Black Rock City citizens. Introduce yourself. Help each other out. Do your part. Make a creative contribution to YOUR City. Whether it's your first year or you're a jaded veteran, we're all in this together. Don't "tag" or destroy someone else's hard work! Many people spend all year creating art to share on the playa. Respect that effort and DO NOT burn, deface or otherwise mutilate anything you didn't create. Also, don't waste time passing judgment on others for how they're expressing themselves (or not) — **Just because someone isn't sporting a costume doesn't mean they aren't participating in our community.** Maintain an open mind.

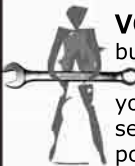
COMMUNITY BIKES?

A group of volunteer burners from Reno maintains a fleet of anonymously donated community bikes, available for anyone to ride. They are easy to spot because they are painted BRIGHT GREEN with "Yellow Bike" written on the frame. **Here are a few things to keep in mind when using a Yellow Bike.**

- It's only "yours" when you're riding it.
- Yellow Bikes should be treated with respect, as if it was your own.
- Don't forget personal hygiene! Pants ARE required on Yellow Bikes.
- DON'T EVER LOCK UP A YELLOW BIKE, the bike camp team will cut the lock and free the bike if they see this.
- Don't bring a Yellow Bike into your tent or RV or try to take it home.
- If a Yellow Bike breaks while you're using it, use Radical Self-Reliance to repair it for the next person. Check with Playa Info at Center Camp for a repair camp if you can't do it yourself.
- Yellow Bikes are meant for short trips. Make your trek and then drop it off where you found it, or leave it in an obvious public place.

A yellow bike pic it is green in real life but now black and white





VOLUNTEERING Where do you go if you want to lend a hand? You've looked around, but you're not seeing any opportunities to help with a project? Come on down to the V-Spot at Playa Information, and get plugged-in on the spot. (Note: by volunteering, you may accidentally meet really incredible people and may also experience an amazing sense of accomplishment and belonging by being a part of making Black Rock City possible. Consider yourself warned!)

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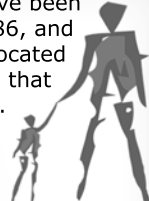
BURNING MAN INFORMATION RADIO

Set your radio dial to 94.5 FM and keep it there all week! BMIR has great, participant-created programming as well as all the information you need precisely when you need it! From weather reports and event info to community tales and stories, updates from around the city and Exodus traffic details – it's all on BMIR.

KIDS, TEENS & FAMILIES BURN TOO! We love burning families. Kids have been present at this event since the very first Man was ignited on Baker Beach in '86, and they're still a valued part of Black Rock City's annual community. Kidsville is located between DNA & Florence and 5:00-5:30, and families are invited to camp in that general area of the city.



NOT SO KID-FRIENDLY? A true community includes the presence of people of all ages. If you're not already mapped and you are planning distinctly grown-up activities or art, please locate yourself well away from this particular part of our city. Always take precautions to prevent minors from entering your camp during such activities - and from being served alcohol - just as you would in any other city.



WIRELESS INTERNET???

Burning Man DOES NOT provide wireless internet access. There is wireless to be had in Black Rock City, but it is a gift from some of your fellow citizens. You can pick it up just about anywhere in Center Camp, as well as at other points around the city. PLEASE note: Playa Info, Media Mecca, Rangers, and other Center Camp staff cannot help you connect, nor provide a better place to access the Internet! There are no public terminals or stations, and the camps around the area are not Internet Lounges. Use your own laptop in the Center Camp Café, or make friends with someone else who has one. (Or you could just forget the "What are you doing?" updates and your inbox for the week and enjoy the here and now with the rest of BRC. Just a thought.)



The **BLACK ROCK ARTS FOUNDATION** (BRAFF) works year round to support and promote community-based interactive art and civic engagement in your own backyard, beyond the trash fence at BRC.

BEYOND BLACK ROCK CITY
District: Everywhere at
6:15 & Esplanade!

Visit **BLACK ROCK SOLAR** to learn about solar energy from this cutting edge non-profit organization, and see some of the amazing work BRS has been doing for communities all around Nevada and the United States.



THE REGIONAL NETWORK

Local volunteer contacts work to recreate the Burning Man culture 365 days a year. Stop by to connect with your local community and find out how you can help bring the playa home!



BURNING MAN ALL YEAR LONG

BURNERS WITHOUT BORDERS has emerged as a community-led, grassroots group that addresses gaping needs where existing cultural and societal systems are failing. From disaster relief efforts to community clean-up events and other civic activism, stop by BWB at The Culture Labs to find out how you can get involved.



WORKING IT OUT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Problems with your neighbors? Music too loud? Have a dialogue - and work it out!

Peaceful negotiation, polite requests, gifts and the like may all help your cause if there is just too much sound for you at any hour of the day or night. Don't forget that Black Rock City is rockin' 24/7 and your best bet for some silence will be a pair of ear plugs and an eye mask - or a meditative trip to the open playa to soothe your ears and soul.

SORT IT OUT NOW! When setting up your camp, **PLAN AHEAD FOR RECYCLING.**

Here are a variety of ways you can reduce, reuse, and recycle your Burning Man experience. Recycle Camp is located in Center Camp and operates **Monday through Sunday 9AM to 5PM** and will accept your aluminum cans until Sunday at 5 PM. After that, commercial recycling centers are available in Reno and are listed in the Survival Guide (most are closed Monday), OR you can take advantage of the Reno Drive-Thru Recycling Program being provided by local businesses during the week after Burning Man. 100% of the recycling proceeds will be donated to charity, and you get all your recyclables out of your backseat without even leaving your car. For info on where to take your donations, please refer to the hangtag you received as part of your entry package (pro-tip: put the hangtag on your rearview right now so you can find it when you leave!) The Drive Thru program will accept all types of recyclables and will be open 24 hours, post-event.



GIFTING!

Remember, while gifts are the order of the day in BRC, that doesn't mean you need to wander around handing something out. Giving of yourself is more important than any pocketful of trinkets, so just be genuine and relax a little about the whole "gift culture" thing. You'll find a way to contribute something, whatever it may be. Also, having a "gift culture" **doesn't mean that anyone owes you anything.** Don't walk into camps thinking they owe you a drink or expect fellow citizens to unequivocally "hook you up" instead of providing for yourself. Gifts are best given and received with a level of respect and humility on both parts.

MUTANT VEHICLES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT Owners of Mutant Vehicles are asked to share their available space with the community while they trek around the city, so you are welcome to approach, say hello, and ASK PERMISSION to come aboard - operators will generally welcome you if there is room...but DO NOT CLIMB ABOARD MOVING VEHICLES, and do not try to disembark unless the vehicle has come to a complete stop.

"Hopping on" a moving ride, even at 5 MPH, can quickly turn dangerous, and many of these vehicles are modified in ways that may hamper your attempt to get on and off safely. Jumping in front of mutant vehicles on the move is not only stupid but also wildly inadvisable. Some vehicles may have difficulty stopping quickly, not to mention that it's really not any fun (for the driver or passengers) to suddenly slam on the brakes on a giant fire-breathing dragon with 40 people dancing. Admire the art, but stay out of their path!

A WORD ABOUT VEHICLES AROUND THE MAN & OTHER ARTWORKS; There is a subtle understanding about vehicles near The Man in the center of our city. The area inside the Man's "L3K" perimeter of orange ground lights is populated with pedestrians at every hour of the day. While it's understood that sometimes a piece of mobile art or a mutant vehicle interacts with the Man in a creative way, for the most part, vehicles are encouraged to park away from the Man and outside of the "L3K" perimeter (and avoid driving over it). Flame effects and fire-breathing vehicles are discouraged from this area, for obvious reasons. Pay attention to the vibe when you pull up to the Man, or any other art piece - blasting your music may or may not be a welcome addition to the moment at hand, but don't assume.

ALWAYS LOCK YOUR BIKE if you want to find it where you left it. Bicycles only get stolen or "borrowed" when they're unlocked, and the unfortunate reality is that many bikes are stolen or misappropriated in BRC every year. The only bikes that should NEVER be locked are green Community Bikes. Avoid parking your bike in highly congested areas during large burns, they can become a hazard in the dark. (Pro tip: try walking to the Burn on Saturday night instead of riding - many bikes go "missing" in the confusion of the burn's lovely chaos.)

STAY VISIBLE AT NIGHT! - Make sure you have both front and rear lights on your bike!



BRING YOUR OWN CUP!

(BYOC) to use at the Café and elsewhere. Nothing comes between you and your coffee in the morning - except perhaps a long line at the Café. The Café offers express service for participants packing their own mugs. Skip the line, save a paper cup, and BYOC!

PROTECT YOUR STUFF... Mark all your valuable belongings (including your bike) with your name, phone number, and email address and/or camp info. Each year dozens of "found items" that end up at BMHQ cannot be reunited with their owners because they lack identifying information.



SPARE THE TREES AND DONATE YOUR LUMBER! Don't burn that leftover wood! Drop off your full size pieces of usable wood (2x4, 4x4, sheet, etc.) at collection stations on the Esplanade and at 3, 6, and 9 o'clock. It will be reused by DPW and other Burning Man departments next year. Collection stations will be open all day Sunday and Monday. Volunteer sorters are very much appreciated.

