

# BURNINGMAN TIP SHEET

## Welcome to Black Rock City!

### COMMUNITY OUTPOSTS

@ 3 and 9 o'clock Plazas

In addition to ICE SALES, MEDICAL STATIONS and RANGER OUTPOSTS, plazas have PUBLIC KIOSKS where need-to-know info is posted for Black Rock Citizens (that's YOU!).

### LEAVE NO TRACE (LNT)

Did you know that Burning Man is the largest LNT event in the world? Well, it's no accident. It's because YOU make it happen. Anything on the ground that isn't a natural part of the playa (including wood splinters and sawdust!) is called Matter Out Of Place (MOOP). Make your mother proud and MASTER THE MOOP! Sudden winds can carry trash away without warning and dust will bury stray objects in seconds, so NEVER LET IT HIT THE GROUND!

### IF IT WASN'T IN YOUR BODY, DON'T PUT IT IN THE POTTY

Do NOT put wipes in the porta potties. For serious: don't be the jackass that causes the truck driver to stop his routine and reach shoulder-deep in muck to unblock your handy wipes or other trash. That's just nasty, and we could be turned away from processing plants in Reno if there's MOOP in the poop. Just trust us, don't do it. And yes, we mean YOU.

### BLACK ROCK CITY IS BYOC: BRING YOUR OWN CUP!

Carry a mug with you for the Café and theme camps. Reduce waste and receive thanks for having your own chalice! Stick that in your cup and drink it.

Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world.  
-Voltaire

### WIFI IN THE DESERT???

Burning Man DOES NOT provide internet access. The WiFi to be found is a gift from some of your fellow citizens. You can usually pick it up in Center Camp, but Playa Info, Media Mecca, Rangers, and other Center Camp staff will not provide you with a place to access the Internet - these are working camps, NOT public internet cafés. (Here's a thought: forget about your status updates and email for the week and enjoy the here and now with the rest of BRC!)

### FEEDBACK

If you have an encounter with law enforcement, good or bad, the Burning Man organization wants to know about it. Please fill out a Law Enforcement Agency Feedback Form at Black Rock Ranger Headquarters in Center Camp or the outpost in the 3 & 9 o'clock plazas. Did an officer help you? Treat you unfairly? Obtain as much info as you can - officer's name, agency, vehicle license plate number, badge number, time of day, details of the event, and the names of any witnesses.

### BRC WEATHER

Playa weather can turn from mild to severe in a flash. ALWAYS keep everything (tents, chairs, papers) secured -- winds can blow up to 70MPH! Batten down your belongings and always carry water and a dust mask with you. In the event the clouds part (yes, it can RAIN here - really!) or things get truly hairy, tune in to BMIR (94.5 FM) -- and stay put! Don't drive and don't fret. Just stay tuned in for what to expect and how to deal.

### RECYCLING

REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE!!! There are 24-hour trash and recycling centers along all Exodus routes. Recycling is free and trash disposal is \$3/bag. Human and other hazardous waste not permitted. Proceeds go to Black Rock Solar or other local programs. For location details, refer to the Survival Guide. You can also recycle aluminum cans right here in BRC! Bring them to Recycle Camp Mon-Sun 9am-5pm, in Center Camp.

I am fevered with the sunset,  
I am fretful with the bay,  
For the wander-thirst is on me  
And my soul is in Cathay.

-Richard Hovey

### PARKIT. LEAVEIT.

There is NO DRIVING in BRC. The only motor vehicles allowed are emergency/staff vehicles and artistic Mutant Vehicles that roam our city, which must register pre-event. Find your camp, park your car, and leave it there. Oh, and keep it to 5 MPH while entering and leaving BRC.

### BIKES IN BRC

Always LOCK AND LIGHT YOUR BIKE if you want to find it where you left it. Bikes are stolen or "borrowed without asking" in BRC every year (word to the wise: mark your bike with your name and contact info so that we can reunite you with it). Do not park your bike in congested areas during big burns. They are a hazard in the dark. Try walking to the Burn on Saturday night instead of riding. And make sure your bike has both front and rear lights.

A group of volunteer Burners from Reno maintains a fleet of COMMUNITY BIKES, available for anyone to ride. They are painted BRIGHT GREEN with the words "Yellow Bike" painted on the frame. They are meant for short trips. Grab one, take your trip, and drop it off in an obvious public place. Don't trash it, break it, or vandalize it, and don't forget personal hygiene ... pants are required while riding a community bike. Don't bring a Community Bike into your tent or RV and don't take it with you when you leave the playa. Community Bikes should NEVER BE LOCKED - it's only "yours" while you're on it.

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT -- FOOD/WATER SAFETY

If someone sporting a Nevada State Health Division (NSHD) badge visits your camp, don't be alarmed! NSHD is onsite to promote and protect the health of our city. You must complete a permit application pre-event if you plan to give away food or fresh juice beverages, or if you are serving more than 125 campers at a time. For more info, visit NSHD at Playa Info Sun 8/26 - Sat 9/1 from 1-2:30pm. Public pools and public showers are PROHIBITED.

### BMIR

Have a handy hand held radio? Set your dial to 94.5 FM BMIR and keep it there! BMIR is full of participant programming and helpful info. Music, storytelling, weather and event info -- it's all on BMIR. For traffic info, tune in to the new Gate Advisory Radio Station - 95.1 GARS.

### ART CARS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Mutant Vehicles are asked to share their space with the community. You may approach, say hello, and ask to come aboard - operators will generally welcome you if there is room ... but DO NOT CLIMB ABOARD MOVING VEHICLES, and do not disembark unless the vehicle has come to a complete stop. "Hopping on" or jumping in front of a moving ride, even at 5 MPH, can be very dangerous (aka: deadly). The area inside the Man's "EGT" perimeter is a very high-traffic area. Vehicles are asked to park away from the Man, outside the perimeter. Flame jets and fire-breathing vehicles are discouraged from this area, for obvious reasons. Pay attention to the vibe when you pull into the Man, or up to any other art piece - blasting music may not be a welcome addition to the moment at hand.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

While BRC is a remote and freewheeling place, numerous law enforcement agencies patrol our event. Some officers conduct surveillance-undercover or in costume. Any illegal action witnessed by law enforcement can lead to a citation or arrest. Your best protection is to obey the law. People who ask you to give or trade drugs are acting outside of Burning Man's Ten Principles and asking you to break the law - if you choose to give drugs (even in small quantities) you could be arrested and charged with narcotics trafficking, which is a felony in the state of Nevada. Please read your Survival Guide for more detailed info.

### LEGAL 101

1. Don't drink and drive! 2. No open alcohol containers in vehicles within the driver's reach. 3. No underage drinking. Ask and Check ID's! 4. Drugs and drug paraphernalia are illegal. 5. Gifting drugs could rise to the level of drug trafficking. 6. Medical marijuana is NOT recognized by the federal government, and BLM federal agents patrol the event. The State of Nevada does not recognize marijuana cards issued by other states.

### PROTECT YOUR STUFF

Take our word for it: mark all your valuable belongings (think CAMERA, KEYS, BACKPACK, and BIKE) with your name, phone number, email address and/or camp info. Each year hundreds of "found items" cannot be reunited with their owners because they lack identifying info.

# THINK BEYOND THE TRASH FENCE

## Visit "Everywhere Pavilion" at 6:30 & Esplanade!

### The Burning Man Project:

The primary purpose of The Burning Man Project is to uphold and manifest the values described in the Ten Principles of Burning Man. The Project received its official 501c3 status this year... this is big news, but what does it mean for YOU? Come find out at Everywhere Pavilion!

**Black Rock Arts Foundation (BRAAF)** supports and promotes community-based interactive art and civic engagement. Stop by Everywhere Pavilion to learn about BRAAF grants, current projects, and ways to get involved.

**Black Rock Solar (BRS)** promotes renewable energy through installation, art, education, and job training. BRS has donated a Megawatt of solar power to Nevada! Come by Everywhere Pavilion to volunteer and learn more about BRS's exciting work.

**Burners Without Borders (BWB)** is a grassroots, volunteer-driven, community leadership organization whose goal is to unlock the creativity of local communities to solve problems. At Everywhere Pavilion you can find out how you can start your own BWB project.

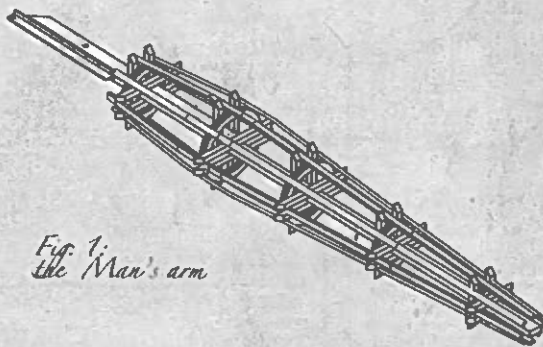


Fig. 1:  
The Man's arm

**The Regional Network:** Volunteer Regional Contacts support Burning Man culture worldwide every day. Visit Everywhere Pavilion to find your Regional Contact, connect with your local community, and help keep the playa alive year-round.

### GIFTING

Giving of yourself is more important than pockets full of trinkets, so just be genuine and relax about the whole "gift culture" thing. You'll find a way to contribute. Also, nobody owes you anything. Gifts are best given and received with no expectation of return.

### VOLUNTEER FOR THE MAN!

Want to lend a hand? Not seeing any opportunities to help? Come down to the V-Spot at Playa Info and get plugged in. (WARNING: Volunteering may lead to meeting really incredible people and developing an amazing sense of accomplishment and belonging by helping to make BRC possible. You've been warned!)

### KIDS BURN TOO!

We love burning families. Kids were there when the first Man was ignited on Baker Beach in '86, and they're an integral part of our culture. Kidsville is located between Dandelion and Edelweiss and 5:00-5:30. Families are invited to camp in the 5:00-5:30 all-ages zone. Not so kid-friendly? If your camp is planning grown-up activities or art, please locate yourself away from 5:00-5:30. Our city is zoned to keep adult theme camps out of the area and to protect families who are camping there. Legal word to the wise: you must prevent minors from entering your camp during adult activities -- and from being served alcohol -- just as you would in any other city.

### FREEDOM AND THE MEDIA

Filmmakers and reporters are Burners too. Photography is art and a form of self-expression. There are thousands of cameras in BRC, and some of them belong to professionals. But relax: media are required to register and work according to an agreement designed to protect you and your right to express yourself freely.

**CAMERA TAGS** Media cameras are marked with large, colorful numbered tags. Camera people should identify themselves and reveal their registration/tag number if asked. While personal use videographers must sign a form, personal video cameras will not carry a tag in 2012.



### MAKE IT COUNT

Who are you? Why are you here? The Census is a collaborative research project and we want YOU to participate. Black Rock City demographics are used to better serve and represent the citizens of our fair city to the outside world. Participation is voluntary and anonymous. Help us help you! Oh and by the way... what's that Pink Postcard in your hand? Fill it out, drop it off, and find out! Burning Man is launching an interactive socio digital anthropological network. Otherwise known as a big \*MOFO\*\$\$@!! experiment. Join us and become part of an evolving online community project. The information you share here will not be commodified or you used against you in a court of law (or Thunderdome). Find census forms and drop off completed ones and pink postcards at boxes found at Center Camp Cafe, Playa Info, Kidsville, and Ranger Outposts at 3, 6 and 9.

### DON'T BURN USABLE LUMBER!

Wood Donation Stations will be set up starting Sunday at 9am through Tuesday afternoon at the Burn Gardens, located at 3, 6, and 9 along the Esplanade. Wood will be reused by DPW and other Burning Man departments. Only good, usable wood please. No screws, nails or cuts.

### COMMUNITY BURN GARDENS

Burn your (non-toxic) burnables at the community burn gardens, located at 3:00, 6:00 and 9:00 just off the Esplanade. We said non-toxic, right? They're staffed 24/7 from Sunday 9/2 at 9am until Tuesday 9/4 at 6pm.



My life  
has been  
the poem I  
would have  
writ,  
But I could  
not both live  
and utter it.  
-Thoreau

### EXODUS

Yeah, we know you just arrived, but remember this for later: a two-lane highway accommodates a limited number of cars -- it will take a long time to get out of BRC, especially if you leave when everyone else does. Before heading out, tune in to the new Gate Advisory Radio Station -- 95.1 GARS for BRC traffic information. If you leave on Sunday or Monday be prepared to WAIT. Pay attention to flagging teams. Prepare for departure by packing a snack, shade, and plenty of water. Hang out with your neighbors when you pause for Pulsing. NO CUTS! If you think you'll skip the line by heading out any "side entrances" or sneaking to the front of the line, think again. Doing so is a TICKETABLE OFFENSE -- you'll be fined by the Bureau of Land Management, seriously.

### BE SAFE!

The end of the event can be a physically and emotionally exhausting time for everyone. Breaking camp, MOOPing, sleepless nights, and physical exertion take their toll and make for some very tired commuters. Each year PARTICIPANTS GET INTO ACCIDENTS BY 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. Consider taking an extra day (it's just work, right?) and stay the night in Reno or elsewhere. PLEASE DRIVE SAFE!

**ASK FIRST** Media are required to ask permission to focus their camera on you, and offer you a model release to sign when filming you. They are expected to interact with participants, join the community, and most of all, to be respectful.

**SPEAK UP** If you see anyone with a camera behaving inappropriately or invading someone's privacy, please report such activity to a Ranger and/or Media Mecca in Center Camp as quickly as possible. We take this issue very seriously.

### RESPECT YOUR FELLOWS

Introduce yourself. Help each other out. Do your part. Make a creative contribution. Whether it's your first year or you're a jaded veteran, we're all in this together. People spend all their time creating art to share on the playa. Don't tag, burn, deface or otherwise mutilate anything you didn't create. And why waste time passing judgment on others for how they're expressing themselves? An open mind is essential to a fantastic burn.

### A LITTLE NEIGHBORLY ADVICE

Problems with your neighbors? Music too loud? Have a dialogue and work it out! Peaceful negotiation, polite requests, and/or gifts may help your cause. Don't forget that BRC is rockin' 24/7 and your best bet for some quiet is a pair of ear plugs and an eye mask -- or a meditative and soul soothing trip to the open playa.