

## FOOD/WATER SAFETY

The Nevada State Health Division (NSHD) is onsite to promote and 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 135 campers at a time, you **must complete a permit application**. For more info, visit NSHD at Playa Info in Center Camp Sun 8/26 - Sat 9/1 from 1-2:30pm. Public pools and public showers are prohibited.

## FREEDOM AND THE MEDIA

Filmmakers 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.

- **CAMERA TAGS** Professional cameras are marked with large, colorful numbered tags. Camera people should identify themselves and reveal their registration/ tag number if asked.
- **ASK FIRST** Media are required to ask permission before they focus their camera on you, and offer you a model release to sign when filming you.
- **SPEAK UP** If you see anyone with a camera behaving inappropriately or invading someone's privacy, please ask them to stop and report such activity to a Ranger and/or Media Mecca in Center Camp as quickly as possible. We take this issue very seriously.

## VOLUNTEER FOR THE MAN!

Want to lend a hand? Not sure how to plug in? Visit the V-Spot in the Center Camp Portal. Warning: Volunteering may lead to meeting really incredible people and developing an amazing sense of accomplishment and belonging that often results in wanting to volunteer more.... and more.



## KIDS BURN TOO!

Kids are an integral part of our culture. Kidsville is between D and E and 5 and 5:30. **Not so kid friendly!** If your camp is planning grown-up activities, please locate yourself away from 5-5:30. Legal word to the wise: you must prevent minors from entering your camp during adult activities — and from being served alcohol.

## WATER TRUCKS

Who are the unsung heroes of Burning Man? Water trucks! Be their friend! Stay off their butts! Make the playa a better place. The water trucks work 24/7 to keep the dust down. Without them, we'd be in a much more dusty and disorienting place... so give 'em a brake! If you happen to be following a water truck **please slow down**.

## GOT WOOD?

Wood Donation Stations at the Burn Gardens will be open starting Sunday at 9am through Tuesday afternoon. Wood will be reused by DPW and others helping to reduce our overall environmental footprint. Only good, usable wood please. **No screws, nails or cuts!**

## R-E-S-P-E-C-T

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 year 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.**



## COMMUNITY BURN GARDENS

Located at 3, 6 and 9 o'clock near Promenade and Esplanade, the Burn Gardens are a cluster of Burn Platforms used for burning WOOD. No trash, recycling, compost or anything toxic. Starting Sunday 9/1 at 9am the Wood Donation Team will make sure that participants do not overload the burn platforms or burn inappropriate materials.

## COME TO YOUR CENSUS!

Perhaps you noticed the lab-coat-clad crew of Census Volunteers on Gate Road? They may have selected you to participate in this year's Random Sample, a data gathering effort (operating Fri 8/23 through Wed 8/28) aimed at painting an accurate picture of who's here at Burning Man 2013. Participation is **voluntary** and **anonymous**.

New this year: in an effort to save trees and time, the paper census form previously found in Center Camp Café is no more. Instead, we are launching an online version which, combined with the Random Sample, will result in more accurate data on a much shorter timeline.

**You are hereby officially invited** to participate in the online BRC Census survey, which goes live Sept. 3 and can be found at [census.burningman.com](http://census.burningman.com). **Get counted!**

## EXODUS

The key to a successful Exodus is planning. A two-lane highway accommodates a limited number of cars. If you leave when everyone else does it will take you a long time to get out of BRC. Leaving before Sunday or staying later to strike your camp helps stagger departures and reduce traffic at peak times. Listen to BMIR 94.5 for Exodus info and tune into the Gate Advisory Radio Station — 95.1 GARS for BRC traffic information while on Gate Road.

Prepare to wait. Pay attention to flagging teams working to keep traffic moving. No cuts! 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 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. Consider taking an extra day (it's just work, right?) and stay the night in Reno or elsewhere. **Please drive safe!**

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## COMMUNITY OUTPOSTS

@ 3 & 9 O'Clock Plazas

Community outposts offer ice, medical stations and ranger outposts, in addition to public information kiosks where need-to-know info is posted for Black Rock City citizens (that's you!).

## BURNING MAN INFORMATION RADIO

Have a radio handy? Set your dial to 94.5 FM BMIR and keep it there all week! From music and storytelling to weather reports, traffic details and event info — it's all on BMIR. For the latest traffic updates, tune in to the new Gate Advisory Radio Station — 95.1 GARS.



## BRC WEATHER

Weather in the Black Rock Desert is variable and unpredictable. Keep your belongings (tents, chairs, art, etc.) battened down — winds can gust up to 70MPH! Before you leave camp, **make sure everything is secure**. And always remember to carry water and a dust mask with you — you never know how the weather might change while you're out there. It's just basic Burner logic. In the event of rain (yes, it happens!), tune in to BMIR (94.5 FM). 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.

## LEAVE NO TRACE (LNT) & MOOP

Never let it hit the ground!

Burning Man is the largest Leave No Trace event in the world, because you pack out what you carry in. 'MOOP' is Matter Out Of Place, which means anything on the ground that isn't naturally occurring on the playa. And that's just about everything (even wood splinters and sawdust!). Pick up any MOOP you see and strive to become a **MOOP Master**. Put cardboard under leaky vehicles to catch oil drips, elevate burn barrels to protect the playa surface, dig up black water spills and take all human waste to RV dumps. Never dump trash on highways or in neighboring towns. That's just not how Burners roll.

## WHERE DO I TAKE MY TRASH & RECYCLING?

The Exodus Trash and Recycling Network has convenient 24-hour 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 organizations. Get your can-crushing on right here in BRC! Bring aluminum cans (only!) to Recycle Camp in Center Camp. Mon-Sun 9am-5pm.

## BRING YOUR OWN CUP (BYOC)!

Clip a cup to your backpack (carabiners are your friends!) so you always have one with you - reduce waste AND always be ready to enjoy a beverage at theme camps and Center Camp Café.

## 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 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? Here, maybe this will help: **if it wasn't in your body don't put it in the potty.**

## GETTIN' AROUND

There is NO DRIVING in BRC. Unless you have a registered Mutant Vehicle approved for roaming the playa, find your camp, park your car and leave it. And keep it to 5 MPH while entering and leaving BRC — law enforcement can and will stop you for speeding. Mutant Vehicles are asked to share rides with community members. **Do not climb aboard or disembark a moving vehicle.** Just don't. It's not worth risking loss of life or limb. And remember, you must ALWAYS carry your Driver's License with you if you are operating a motor vehicle, even if it looks like a lobster.

## DON'T PULL UP ON THE MAN

The Man's perimeter is marked by orange ground lights. The interior of this perimeter is full of people day and night. Please park your Mutant Vehicle **outside** the perimeter (this goes double for flame effects and fire-breathing vehicles.)

## BIKING BRC

Always **lock, light and label** your bike if you want to find it where you left it. Bikes are stolen or "borrowed without asking" every year. Do not park your bike in highly crowded areas during large burns. Try walking to the Burn on Saturday night instead of riding. And please, make sure your bike has front and rear lights.

**Community Bikes** are bright green and say 'Yellow Bike' on the frame (yup!). These are a gift from a group of your fellow Burners. They are available for anyone to use for short trips. **Don't trash it, break it, vandalize it or lock it.** Don't bring a Community Bike into your tent or RV and don't take it with you when you leave the playa... it's only "yours" while you're on it. And please, wear pants.

## WHERE'S THE INTERNET CAFÉ?

BRC DOES NOT provide WiFi. If you find a network, it's being gifted Burning Man-style from your fellow citizens. There is no guarantee and no tech support. **Here's a wild idea:** try forgetting about your status updates and email inbox for a week and focusing on just BEING here.



## LAW ENFORCEMENT

While BRC is a remote and free-wheeling place, numerous law enforcement agencies patrol our event. Any illegal action witnessed by law enforcement can lead to a citation or arrest. Your best protection is to obey the law. Please read your Survival Guide for more detailed info.

*New for 2013: the Bureau of Land Management and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office will have a sub-station on the Esplanade near 6 o'clock, next to Ranger HQ. Stop by to report a crime, fill out a feedback form or just to show your appreciation for the law enforcement professionals who work so hard to keep Black Rock City safe.*

**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 be considered trafficking. 6. Medical marijuana is NOT recognized by the federal government.

**FEEDBACK** Having an open feedback loop is crucial to a healthy relationship with law enforcement. If you've had an experience with law enforcement — whether it be negative or positive — we want to hear about it! Fill out a law enforcement Agency Feedback Form at Black Rock Ranger HQ or at the outposts in the 3 & 9 o'clock plazas. 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.

## SONIC SANITY

Please, be aware of other people when you drive your Mutant Vehicle with its awesome sound system into a new area, like near an art installation — blasting music may or may not be a welcome addition to the moment at hand.

## BURNING MAN IN THE WORLD

Visit 'Everywhere Pavilion' at 6:30 & Esplanade to learn how you can get involved with these programs!

**BURNING MAN PROJECT (BMP)** brings experiences to people in grand, awe-inspiring and joyful ways that lift the human spirit, address social problems and inspire a sense of community and cultural engagement.

**BLACK ROCK SOLAR (BRS)** promotes renewable energy through installation, art, education and job training. BRS has donated over 3 Megawatts of solar power to Nevada non-profits, schools, hospitals and tribes.

**BLACK ROCK ARTS FOUNDATION (BRAAF)** supports and promotes community-based interactive art and civic engagement. Learn about BRAAF grants, current projects and ways to get involved.

**BURNERS WITHOUT BORDERS (BWB)** is a community-led, grassroots organization that addresses needs where cultural and societal systems are failing. BWB engages in disaster relief efforts, community cleanup and other civic activism. Find out how you can start your own BWB project!

**THE REGIONAL NETWORK** supports Burning Man culture worldwide every day. Find your Regional Contact, connect with your local community and help keep the playa alive year-round!