

# Leave No Trace & Green Plan, Burning Man

## About Our Camp

Camp Name: \_\_\_\_\_

History, background: \_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated Population: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature and scale of our activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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As a camp we will:

- Plan Ahead
- Practice the 5 R's: Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Restore, and Respect
- Keep our camp clean before, during and after the event
- Adopt the seven principles and practices of Leave No Trace at Burning Man
- Do what is necessary to protect and restore the Black Rock Desert
- Identify potential problems and issues that may arise
- Create a strategy or plan for Leaving No Trace
- We will educate all camp members about minimizing our impact on the playa

## How we will organize for Leave No Trace

Our LNT leadership and team structure: \_\_\_\_\_

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We hereby designate \_\_\_\_\_ as our Ambassador to the Black Rock Desert and leader of our **Leave No Trace & Green Team**; he/she will also be our lead Green Guru, who will ensure that our camp and campers understand the 6 R's (Respect, Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Restore). She/he will also take part in planning our purchases and encourage us to reuse materials, recycle materials and reduce what we bring and reduce electrical power needs.

The team will help plan our purchases, what we bring to the playa, and encourage us to reuse, recycle, reduce and restore our materials. They will think about how we and all of our stuff will

get there and make it home again. The team will keep our camp clean and fun before, during and after the event and delegate and enlist help when it is needed.

They will be responsible for cleanup and trash management in our camp, including activities and parties we host. They will make sure that our gray water does not impact the playa. They will see that all camp members understand and agree with the policies and practices of Leave No Trace at Burning Man.

They will oversee daily tasks and will have a plan in place when we get ready to leave. When it's time to break down and sweep our camp for every last trace. He/She or a designated captain will make sure EVERYTHING left goes with us and keep us green on the MOOP map.

The Ambassador will encourage our participation in community line sweeps and restoration with our neighbors and DPW.

, \_\_\_\_\_, will oversee our camp breakdown and cleanup.

## **Our Commitment to Leave No Trace**

## **To minimize our impact on the Playa, we will follow these rules:**

### **Before the event**

- We pledge to Leave No Trace in and around our campsite, including our own and others' waste.
- We will read the survival guide and LNT tips.
- We will complete this camp's Leave No Trace Plan and share it with the entire camp.
- We will plan the assembly and takedown of our structures and decorations and tape the edges of our carpets
- We will inventory vehicle space so we can pack out everything
- We will take the packaging off of just about everything and stock up on reusable products and containers
- We will shop for simple finger foods and prepare meals in advance to reduce waste
- We will bring no glass, cheap trinkets, small feathers, and anything that might get left on the playa

### **During the event**

- We will check our camp daily
- We will clean as we go, realizing that any trash or MOOP (matter out of place) can blow away or be buried at any moment.
- We will keep our recyclables, burnables, and non-burnables clearly separated for easy disposal,
- We will recycle our aluminum, either on-site or back home
- We will have special cleanup crews for any high traffic activities we host and take care of any trash left by guests, invited or otherwise.
- We won't leave trash in or around the port-o-potties
- We won't light fires on bare ground or dig pits, leaving scars. If we must burn, we'll use a public burn barrel or burn platform
- We will burn only clean untreated wood or paper (nothing synthetic) and follow the safety guidelines for fires and burn scar prevention.
- We won't dig large holes or trenches
- We will keep all items tied or weighted down, and leave papers at home.
- We will not dump any grey or black water on the playa
- We will encourage members of our camp to carry a personal trash (MOOP) container and a cigarette butt container when they are outside camp.

### **After the event**

- We will put aside time and have designated volunteers for the final cleanup
- We will take all trash in sealed containers to a landfill and recyclables to a recycle center on the way home.
- After cleaning our camp, everyone in our camp will devote at least two hours to the general city cleanup (e.g. trash fence, local port-o-potties, café, etc).
- We will leave extra space in every vehicle on the way to the desert, knowing that repacking will inevitably take up more space and ensure that no items can detach during the ride home.
- We will pack out everything, including any unevaporated gray water and scum
- We won't put trash in or around the port-o-potties
- We will help out our neighbors and fellow citizens

### **We will be Good Neighbors**

- We will encourage our guests to bring their own beverage containers.
- We will help out our neighbors
- We will adopt the space around our camp, making sure that it stays traceless
- We will help careless or forgetful campers

## Here's how we'll do it

Design our camp in a way that is easy to keep clean: \_\_\_\_\_

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Select materials and decorations for our camp that lessen waste and are recyclable or reusable:

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Have a plan for proper reduction, evaporation or disposal of our grey water, including containers to haul out what's left:

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Plan for extra cleanup and trash generated by activities and parties at our camp:

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## Our Commitment to Greening Black Rock City

**To ensure that Burning Man is sustainable, we will:**

**Respect** - We will make choices regarding our camp respecting the environment and other residents of Black Rock City

- We will carpool to Burning Man as much as possible
- We will consider our choices that we'll do while we're there,
- We will respect others and give them our hearts, our hands and our help
- We will take home only what we brought, our memories, new friends and photos

**Rethink** - We will rethink what we need to survive and thrive.

- We will consider what items we really enjoyed having last year
- We will not bring items that we didn't use last year

**Reduce** - We will ask if we need to bring everything that we did last year?

- We will reconsider bringing that extra thing,
- We can probably survive and even thrive without it.
- We will reduce our energy use and consider alternative sources of energy like solar, wind and biofuels.
- We will consider living lighter on the playa.

**Reuse** – We will determine what we use year after year.

- We will bring reusable water jugs
- We will repurpose, reconfigure and redecorate our basic camp structure

**Recycle** – We will bring

- aluminum cans for recycling in center camp!

**Restore** – We will leave the playa the profoundly barren and empty corner of the world that it is.

- We will leave positive traces on the environment?
- We will purchase carbon offsets from Burning Man to offset our carbon emissions.

**Here's how we'll do it**

## Energy

Plan to reduce energy use and incorporate energy efficient practices : \_\_\_\_\_

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Plan to use alternative energy sources energies (human, solar, wind, biodiesel) and/or offset carbon emissions associated with transportation and energy(generators): \_\_\_\_\_

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We will illuminate our camp with energy efficient light bulbs, LED's or EL wire.

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## Materials

Select materials and decorations for our camp that lessen waste and are recyclable or reusable:

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Plan to use nontoxic, biodegradable, and salvageable materials

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## Waste

Plan to salvaging, reusing, and/or recycling everything onsite, including camp construction and demolition waste.

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## Community Service

Participate in outreach to other theme camps and display our green technologies to other camps via the LNT/Green Model Camp Tour or green science exploratorium? You can participate as a model camp or visit camps and learn about to improve your camp for next year!

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Coordinate with other camps to use alternative fuels to power a electric charging stations set up (for other people/camps who need a battery charged)

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### **Playa Restoration**

Create a detailed plan for the breakdown/cleanup of our camp, accounting for every board, stake, and scrap, and pack necessary tools and supplies:

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Plan enough space and storage in our vehicles for trash hauling:

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Explain the ground rules to all camp members and post our LNT plan on our website.

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Plan a secured trash separation station with signage and tags and plenty of heavy duty garbage bags

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### **We will bring the following items for camp operations**

- Separate, sealed containers for recyclables, burnables, and non-burnables, a found bin and signage and tags.
- Reusable dinnerware and utensils, including a portable beverage container and coffee cup for the Café
- A large water container for camp water supplies (no small containers)
- 5-gallon bucket and painter's mesh for wet kitchen scraps.
- Containers for grey water disposal
- Containers for smokers' butts
- Tarps or other floor covering to 'catch' any items that drop

### **We will bring the following items for our camp's breakdown, clean-up and restoration**

- Big whiskbroom and push brooms
- Flat blade shovel for burn scars or dune MOOP
- Large landscape rake and smaller rakes for sweeping through dust piles
- Stiff long handled broom for breaking up dunes
- Rope and string for tying loose stuff down.
- Small spare bags for collecting trash as we wander.
- Lots on industrial strength trash bags: more than we think we'll need.
- Cheap work gloves for everybody.
- Long-handled sledgehammer for compacting 5-gallon buckets and driving stakes.
- Vise grips for removing stakes and rebar.
- Directions and hours of landfills and RV water dump stations
- Magnets or magnet sweepers to remove every last nails, staples, scrap of metal.
- Vehicles and/or trailers to haul everything out

### **Packing Out and Restoration of Our Site**

- We will take away everything we brought with us plus a few things we didn't know we'd have.
- Our restoration team will use cones on the outside of our camp's border to define our boundaries, break up any dunes that formed around vehicles or structures, then divide up our area and begin line sweeps.
- If we don't have enough folks on our team to form one line across the site, we will break our space up into smaller areas and have each restoration volunteer deMoop their area.
- We will pick up all woodchips, broken glass, plastic debris, metal debris, fire works and plant material.
- We complete restoration of any hotspots (micro-MOOP collections), or burnscars.
- We will try to give a helping hand to our neighbors

### **Black Rock Desert Restoration**

- We will each contribute at least 2 hours of community clean-up
- We will pitch in with our fellow citizens and community service teams to restore the natural characteristics of the playa in our neighborhood, removing all burn scars, dunes, leftover debris, or other physical traces of our presence.
- We will participate in DPW line sweeps and local restoration efforts.
- We will volunteer for and support ecological protection and restoration of the Black Rock Desert