

## WHO ARE WE?

### **The Black Rock Rangers<sup>1</sup>**

The Black Rock Rangers are a volunteer organization dedicated to the safety of the citizens of Black Rock City and its environs. They have headquarters in Center Camp, 3:00 and 9:00 Plazas, & between the Man and Temple. They meet with LNT outreach leads every afternoon and send teams out to conduct follow up visits for LNT issues needing adjudication.

### **The Burning Man Earth Guardians<sup>2</sup>**

The Earth Guardians are volunteers trained in Leave No Trace™ practices. They are headquartered in Center Camp, protect the local hot springs, and give talks and workshops on protecting the Black Rock Desert. The LNT Outreach team meets each morning at the Earth Guardians headquarters.

### **ESD (Emergency Services Department) / Fire Safety**

The Emergency Services Department (ESD) coordinates all professional emergency resources on the playa 24 hours a day. ESD responsibilities cover all responses in the field to reports of hazmat, fire, medical, or psychiatric emergencies. ESD's highly trained professionals volunteer long hours to ensure the safety and well-being of Black Rock City

### **Playa Restoration**

Starting right after the event and lasting roughly one month, DPW's Playa Restoration Team works to return the Black Rock Desert to its pre-event condition. The work ranges from removing city structures to picking up large and small bits of escaped trash (onsite and around the desert) and eradicating burn scars (the residue of fired playa sediment and ashes). Playa Restoration also remediates spills during the event and creates the MOOP Map.

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<sup>1</sup> If Folks don't comply with Rangers, they will call BLM Compliance lead – citation/eviction (worst case) is possible

<sup>2</sup> The Earth Guardians are on Esplanade and 5:30 in Center Camp, next to BMIR.

## ISSUES WE TALK ABOUT: <sup>3</sup>

### **Burn Barrels**

- Burning directly on the alkaline playa backs the surface into a dark, hard brick-like material and causes damage
- Look for ways to modify the barrel to raise it up off the ground
- ESD / Fire Safety can take away barrels that burn directly on the playa

### **Fuel Spills, Storage, and Safety**

- Small fuel spills to be cleaned and disposed of off playa; large spills to be called into ESD Hazmat for remediation
- Fuel should be stored 10' away from vehicles and tents, be clearly labeled as 'FLAMMABLE – NO SMOKING', and have secondary containment underneath
- Look for alternative secondary containment if not present
- Suggest proper fuel placement

### **Grey Water Spills**

- Prevent further leakage by using a bucket
- **Stop usage!!**
- Grey water collection available from United Site Services

### **Black Water Leak/RV**

- Black water, or sewage, is a health hazard
- Prevent further leakage by using a bucket
- **Stop usage!!** / go to potties / dump waste appropriately
- Black water collection available from United Site Services: flag down a USS truck for a fee
- Rangers will be checking up on progress

### **Vehicle Oil drips**

- Use thick cardboard, carpet or a pan (weighted)
- Rangers will be checking up on their progress

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<sup>3</sup> The GPS & Image Data we collect will be shared each afternoon with Rangers for follow up.