

JULY / AUGUST ACTION ITEMS – PRE PREPARATION

	Action Item	Resources/Where to go
EMERGENCY PLANS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hide keys in a magnetic holder outside the car • Write out will/instruction letter and seal for a family member • Confirm house/pet sitter • Tell someone NOT going to Burning Man exact details on where you'll be camping • I HIGHLY recommend having jumper cables or a jumpstarter unit very handy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAA – www.aaa.com for locations – get one of the plastic keys that opens your door and hide it under your car <p>Q: How can friends or family send me a message? A: Emergency messages should be sent via http://911.burningman.com/ . The message will be passed to the Black Rock Rangers who, if they have the extra resources, will attempt to deliver it. We will also make the message available at Playa Info in Center Camp, so if you're awaiting bad news or anticipating emergency messages, you might want to plan to check in there each day.</p> <p>Q: What details should be included in an emergency message? A: The message should include first and last name as well as any known nickname that you might go by around camp. It should also include the name of your theme camp or other affiliation (volunteer team, etc.), and its location if known, along with your vehicle make/license plate and any other unique features that will help with the search (such as, "camp has a 20 foot inflatable duck," etc.)</p>
Travel Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel (if needed), car rental, rv rentals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotels: www.halfpricehotels.com • Book early – note that if you can often find cheap rooms after labor day
Car Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get car checked out, make sure registration and tags are up to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember after car care –CHANGE YOUR AIR FILTER AND WASH THE ENGINE- playa corrodes
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start burning CDR's or • Fill your ipod –GET AN OTTERBOX cover!! • (Don't take commercial CD's as they'll get trashed) • I swear by shower radios – I've had one I got from Old Navy for 10 years – works great for getting in radio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you bring your ipod, invest in a good weatherproof case for it, and figure out where you'll be charging it (pack cables) • Bed Bath & Beyond often has 20% off coupons online – they have nifty shower radios for real cheap
Fire Performer Oh-Shit Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather extra Kevlar, chains, pliers, Kevlar thread etc for fixing your tools. • Make extra wicks ahead of time. • Get large MSR bottles and dip can. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.Thermostatic.com for Kevlar (need biz license if picking up in LA) • www.toolup.com \$46 for oily waste can • www.rei.com look for sales on MSR bottles online at their outlet
Photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pictures of loved ones to make camp more family. Remember those you care about and what they mean to you. • Prepare anything you want to burn in the Temple 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.biglots often has cheap photo paper
Label Everything	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get labeler and name tapes for putting your name on everything. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.copquest.com/nametapes.htm and get several embroidered name tapes (they're

		\$4.95 each and you can put several on one. Sew them into your favorite jackets, camelback etc
Laminates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once you know where you're camping, make laminated tags for every bag, one for your bike, one for your cooler – tag anything that might walk off on it's own 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.OfficeDepot.com has cheap self sealing bag tags, or get the hot laminating pouches, print your inserts and go to Kinkos – most won't charge you to use their hot laminator if you bring in your own pouches
SCOTSCHGUARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> everything you can-bedding, leather, suede etc to keep supple and clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get it cheap at any drugstore or Target www.rei.com and www.adventure16.com stores carry tent waterproof spray that rocks
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buy WEEKS ahead to break in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.zappos.com nice resource for cheap shoes with no shipping costs www.rei.com/outlet great for teva specials Downtown LA's Santee Alley www.thesanteealley.com has AMAZING deals on shoes. After August 15 the fall boots usually are available
RETURN CLOTHES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hermedically seal one set of clothes for your return home – use heavy duty XL Ziplocks and don't open it on the playa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.target.com Target sells the huge ziplock sweater bags.
Bike Checkup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nows the time to fix your bike (or get a thrift store/kmart cheap one) and get it ready. Buy a tractor seat! I PROMISE you you'll thank me!!! If you're putting lights or El Wire on, do that before you get to the playa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Tractor seat at www.HomeDepot.com Look for Target/Kmart sales – they often have brand new bikes for \$70 which is about what you'll pay for a great checkup
Playa Maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Print out city maps as you'll be using them often. Make one big one to mark where your friends are camping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laminate one map in heavy lamination pouch www.kinkos.com and bring a box of push pins so you can map where you buddies are campin

LOS ANGELES SHOPPING/RESOURCE GUIDE:

Item	Description/details	Where to get/how to make
googles	Make sure they have foam lens lining. There are oftentimes whiteouts at night – get lighter lenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.roadvisionla.com 1300 s. Main St – 213-765-3333 Venice boardwalk Toy district on Wall and 4th St Aardvarks always has goggles www.maximumeyewear.com .
Hydration Pack	Get one with pockets – not just a water pack - You'll want one with at least one pocket to hold essentials like a trash bag, wet wipes, sunblock and lip balm. Camelbacks are expensive – Target's brand is TFO – nice pockets and about \$28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.target.com Army/Navy surplus www.Campmor.com www.Sierratradingpost.com www.copquest.com
Utili-Kilt	If you can't afford a ...make one of your own. Take your favorite outfit, skirt, pants shorts and add pockets to it with scraps of fabric – Velcro is easy to sew in and keeps things from blowing away	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moskatels downtown on San Julien between 7th and 8th is Michael's crafts outlet. You can get snaps, hooks, and pocket patches that are easy to sew on www.lip-service.com also has some good hip utilikilts that are much much cheaper
Bedding	bedding gets covered in playa. Anything itchy sucks (note no wool). I love Velux blankets- they're synthetic blend...feels like	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Big Lots is a great resource, especially for bedding

	suede/velvet A velvet covered down comforter has saved my body for years – cleans up easy and is super comfortable and warm	
Sunblock	I swear by clear spray sunblock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Lots always has the best deals on sunblock • Target now has generic clear spray that is low odor
Cheap Fabric:	Downtown Los Angeles: go to the corner of Wall and 9 th Street-a the corner are several \$1.99 fabric stores you'll see signs for. You'll see fun fur outside of the most beautiful kind-BARTER BARTER BARTER. If they let you walk out of their store, it's too low for them to sell it to you. But if they can even make a buck above their cost, they'll sell it to you.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kashcool (213-489-3010) rocks for older fabrics-last years' fun fur. • EZ Fabrics: My favorite for really nice fun fur/holographic fabrics...go to 9th street one block East of Maple/Wall area...on the same side as Kashcool, one block East
Accessories	Downtown, there are some stores that always ask for a Sales ID number. The ones that don't are amazing you just say you forgot it and voila...you have a bunch of stuff ½ price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JUNE on Main St - wigs, long satin gloves, cowboy hats, accessories • Main Street/Santee Alley • Kathmanduboutique.com – in santa monica at 1844 Lincoln Blvd, 310-396-4036 has awesome accessories and fashions that rock the playa
Shoes/boots	If you can brave Santee Alley – they have lots of great cheap clothes and shoes...Lingerie is super cheap too	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on maple, between 8th and 9th...or to down Santee Alley www.thesanteealley.com – start at Jenco shoes • www.copquest.com has great deals on tactical military boots that vent but keep sand out
Craft supplies	Moskatels on San Julien (between 7 th and 8 th) is Michaels Crafts outlet store...everything is cheaper and you don't need a resale license-but don't park on the street...it's not a safe neighborhood. Look for the parking sign above it...you'll get a ticket and it's free with validation w/security on duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moskatels on San Julien (between 7th and 8th) • Michaels has online coupons for 40% off – print out and bring to the store http://weeklyad.michaels.com •
Misc Stuff	For the basics – start with the 99cent store and Pic n Save For clothes/lightweight long sleeves shirts, hit some of the African clothing places on Los Angeles or Main streets downtown around 10 th - 12 th street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown-Los Angeles Street between 10th and 12th Streets
Venice Beach	Take a day – it's awesome for sarongs, sunglasses, flip flops and breezy, soft and thin cotton long sleeved shirts to keep you out of the sun. Relatively cheap too.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a whole mess of middle eastern places in one section...look for the red brick building complex on the boardwalk south of the Sidewalk Café. There is a bellydancing place (I get their broken pieces to rebuild new costumes) and some amazing shops w/playa wear.

Coffee	I've come to love a pyrex coffee press I got a cost plus world market. No glass to break, and I only have to bring a hot water kettle. However, I do have a fancy 2 burner coffee maker that rocks...I'll probably bring both out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.bodumusa.com has incredible coffee presses including travel coffee presses (a press for one large travel mug)
NIGHT TIME LIGHTING	Sorry, but getting run over sucks. I know it's hippyish..but you have to be seen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.extremeglow.com • www.livewireneon.com • www.homedepot.com for those simple battery light sticks
COOL CLOTHES	I get lip service stuff for 50% off, and cryoflesh stuff for 20% off...let me know if you're interested in getting in on a group buy. Enlighted is a great site – they did Blue Man/Daft Punk costumes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.lip-service.com • www.cryoflesh.com • http://www.batgearbeyond.com/links.asp?ID=CyberC • www.enlighted.com • www.electriqueboutique.com • www.akhagear.com/ <p>BURNING MAN RESOURCES PAGE: http://burningman.com/preparation/resources/resources2011.html</p>

HELPFUL HABITS ON THE PLAYA

- Make sure ALL your coolers have spigots on them to drain the water!
- Get a cooler just for food with an elevated basket for fruit and anything that can't get water seepage
- **RECYCLE YOUR COOLER WATER.** If it's clean (IT SHOULD BE because all your food is double super heavy duty ziplock bagged), use it in your solar shower...less water to haul and easy easy easy!
- Keep one 3 drawer bin (\$12 at Target) for each member of your tent, label each drawer – keep handy with daily essentials...flashlight, swiss army knife, hammer, duct tape, wet wipes, lighters, kleenex, gloves, etc..so you don't have to search for it...THEN, don't just lay these items down anywhere...put them back so you know where they always are
- Offerings – take time to write prayers/notes and leave for people...fimo necklaces...bindies...etc. coffee packets, creamer, homemade cigarette tins, make something creative and useful
- As you are packing, assess EVERYTHING YOU'RE BRINGING and any accessories you might run out of or need...what batteries you'll need, cords for boom box, extra propane, butane, pump for your air matterss, mattress repair kits, spatula, cooking accessories and oil/butter, can opener, bottle opener ...etc
- We always need batteries. Save money and either go with rechargeables, or go to Costco and get one pack of every size in the big pack-keep sealed in a Tupperware bin as the playa will eat them alive
- Get one set of silverware for each person-no disposables-and clean each night, put back in Ziplocks to keep clean-Pic N Save is great for this. OR, use wooden chopsticks when you can – burn them each night
- Have one bin for anything you can burn, then each day, slowly burn in your fire barrell etc.
- **DO NOT** make an evap pond. In 15 burns I've **NEVER** seen one work. They get septic, oil slicked and don't ever evaporate (see kitchen section for options)
- Dishes: There's nothing more gross than burnt grilled cheese, soaking in a tupperware bin in the sun...then you have to throw out gross food/water etc into triple bagged trash. Get a good skillit and use cooking spray. Wipe out all dishes with paper towels or wet wipes into trash, then put the wipes in your dry box to be burned.

- If you eat soups/stews: give away so no leftovers. If you do have leftovers, put a large funnel down a deep crack in the playa, and fill it with cheese cloth. Funnel liquids into it, then dry and burn the cheesecloth full of food bits.
- **DISH TIPS:** If you do burn food, boil water in the pan to loosen it up after you're done cooking. If it's dried, scrape and throw it in a fire. No one likes stinky gooey food scraps and they make garbage nasty!
- **PLAN TO USE ALL THE FOOD YOU COOK IN EVERY MEAL OR PLAN TO USE LEFTOVERS WISELY**– walk around and give it away – empty cooking pots and pans IMMEDIATELY and put leftovers in ziplocks. Wipe down hot pans with wet wipes then burn when dried
- Heavy duty trash bags-I mean....the thickest you can find. Trust me. Peee U
- Coffee: The easiest is a good Coffee Press, so you only have to bring out a hot water kettle. I have a bodum Young Press-no glass, good for camping. If you want a maker, I highly recommend spending \$40 and getting a coffee pot that works over a 2 burner propane stove. It's a full pot in 8 minutes. Then bring a carraffe (\$10 at Ikea) and fill several pots in it. 10 minutes and you have coffee for 10 people with little mess. Offer your coffee grounds to center camp for composing.
- **EATING IN STYLE ON THE PLAYA:** Go to your fav restaurant...order double orders of your favorite vittles. Double bag in Gallon Ziplocks...freeze flat. One skillit meals...already cooked...will last 6 days at least...keep cooler full of ice or keep one cooler full of dry ice.
- **FRUIT GETS BAD FASSST.** I love canned organic peaches and pears in fruit juice (not in syrup). Keep in the cooler, doesn't go bad and is very refreshing. Fruit with rinds like melons are disgusting unless dried and burned. Same with Bananas.
- **BEFORE YOU DEPART FOR THE PLAYA:** Take apart ALL of your food packaging..less waste. Burn everything you can each night so you keep your trash to a minimum
- Pie-Irons(available at Sportmark)-fillings, butter, bread (pizza pies, fruit pies etc)
- I highly recommend Trader Joes Tayste Bite indian foods...with some Naan...easy, lasts and only a little space used. Bread gets dry quick...bring lots of crackers
- CELERY cut in pieces in a cooler are INCREDIBLE and are full of fluids-crunchy and refreshing
- Build your meals around leftovers...If you like pesto chicken sausage...bring a few cans of Progresso chicken barley soup (the greatest) and make stew the next night
- Use large rubbermade bins or 4 drawer bins for each "room"-kitchen, clothes, toiletries, etc- they can be stacked outdoors, make great tables and don't take up room in your tent-check for Kmart/Target sales..you can find the big 18 gal ones for \$3 on sale. But remember *ALWAYS PUT THE TOP ON. If you don't you'll have 1" of dust on everything in it in the morning.
- Salt is a necessity-salty snacks are important. Miso soup is a great sodium laden broth when you don't want anything heavy
- **Updated Reno information:**
http://www.burningman.com/preparation/travel_info/reno/reno.html

CAMP NECESSITIES AND SUGGESTIONS

Carpet vs rug vs flooring	Carpet gets nasty and you have to throw out after each burn. I suggest rubber sections (like kiddie mats) can be found at Home Depot/Lowes. Easy to clean and sweep off. OR, Ikea sells 2' sanded wood sections-like soft pallets for \$5 each. For \$50 you have a large deck that is reusable and weatherproof..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costco and Home Depot carry rubber/vinyl flooring squares that interlock and are washabl to use again and again.
Water	Large 5 gallon refillable water containers so you can refill your camelback , or your little water bottles to put back into coolers...5 gallon green ones apx \$7 each at Kmart.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kmart for green 5 gal containers • Smart N Final for 3 gal jugs

Fire Barrells	Camp Fire Tools-rake, shovel, bucket for ashes, large magnet, a covered bin for burnables so they don't blow away before they're burned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring Fire barrels – clean out first
Water Coolers one for H2O, one for Gatoraid	<p>Get a large 5 gallon icewater cooler w/spigit like they use on football fields... every day buy one block ice or 2 bags of cubes and refill with clean drinking water. Imagine – you empty warm camelback water into the top, then refill it with the cold water at the bottom with icy cold refreshing water. Brilliant!</p> <p>Get a smaller a one-gallon spigit cooler for JUST GATORAID. Go to Costco and get one large can of powder-every day fill with fresh ice and water. If you see people in need...get them some electrolytes!!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Depot or Target carry spigit coolers
Tent & rebar	A good Tent-and stakes. COVER YOUR REBAR: Bring either tennis balls, long pool foam tube-float...cut sections to fit over your rebar or impale stuffed animals for a more sadistic look to your camp-\$1 at kmart or 99cent stores.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 99c stores have cheap rebar covers Mark you camp with solar garden lights
Ziplocks	DON'T GET CHEAP ZIPLOCKS. Wet cheese sucks in your cooler. Keep one full of Babywipes for your cambelback pocket (which is always on your person) but remember...you can't put wetwipes in the portos! Keep an empty ziplock in your camelback just for trash and used Kleenex/wetwipes. Every night burn it all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costco has the best deal on the heavyweight ziplocks. Smart n final ones are just too cheap and leak
Motorola Talkabouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if you are campin with several people, they're a blast around the playa - I think you can get them online and at costco for about \$70 a pair-bring extra batteries and wrap it in a spiffy piece of fabric to keep the dust out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check online for deals – Sunday paper usually has deals at electronic stores
Liquids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 large bottles of Pedialite – Every year I encounter a dehydrated person who needs it Good Lip Balm – bring several and keep in cooler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Lots sells Pedialite and generic alternatives – saves lives.
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I hate using up batteries for lanterns...Get a propane lantern at Target...apx \$30 bucks...extremely bright-remember extra mantles and propane!!! They last a long time and burn clean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Propane Lantern – check Sunday paper for deals at Sport Chalet or Big 5 Solar garden lights have come a long way – help to find your camp at night
Emergency Jump unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any good automotive store carries a jump pack – plug it in and it'll jump your car, or will run some simple rope lights for your camp. Durning the day recharge if you're near a camp that will trade some energy for your cleaning/massaging or helpful services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For \$100 you can get a 450amp jumper/compressor and power supply – 2 DC outlets to power 12v accessories. etc
Tarp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always have one clean tarp handy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 pack at Costco is only about \$20
Flashlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring more than one. Tether one to your body at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember batteries
Air Mattress vs futon Vs Hammock	<p>If you like Air mattress-bring pump – bring 5 EXTRA PATCH KITS. You're screwed if your mattress pops- or get a really good one with an internal pump – I don't recommend air mattresses.</p> <p>Futons: I suggest if you have the means...bring out a futon frame/mattress-very reliable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kits can be found at any camping/sporting goo stores

	Hammock – me loves the hammock	
- Online Shopping sites	Here's a few of my favorites for ideas – thought most of these are expensive – they're well made, or can inspire you to make your own fashions!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.fiveanddiamond.com • http://www.realmofraven.com • http://www.deliciousboutique.com • http://www.clockworkcouture.com • http://www.kinkyangel.co.uk • http://www.ayyawear.com • http://www.omkarawear.com • http://www.velvetgarden.com • http://www.psylofashion.com/ • http://www.cryoflesh.com • http://www.buddhaful.com
Signage	I ADORE THIS PLACE FOR FUN DUMB SIGNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://says-it.com/safety/index.php •
Burning Man Resources	Here's the link from Jack Rabbit Speaks on 2011 Resources, vendors, clothing and such http://burningman.com/preparation/resources/resources2011.html	

PACKING LISTS:

Camelback/essentials

- € BM Ticket (keep stub with you!)
- € Small amount of cash with photo copy of ID (keep wallet locked in car)
- € Lip balm
- € Ziplock bag for small trash
- € Kleenex/wetwipes
- € Spray Sunblock
- € Leatherman
- € Flashlight/batteries
- € Lighters
- € Something blinky to be lit at night-put in the mesh pocket so no idiots run you over
- € Scarf/bandana or dustmask
- € Goggles
- € Sunglasses
- € Camera in ziplock
- € Pad paper/pen
- € Coffee mug(with lid) on carabiner
- € Gum / mints
- € Eye Drops
- € External Hang Tag with your name and camp location in case it gets separated from you.

Sleeping Items

- € Sleeping bag, liners, Down comforter
- € Blankets to always keep on top (shake off every night)
- € Pillows, pillow cases
- € Cot/futon/hammock or foam pad
- € Jammies, robe, slippers
- € Ear Plugs, eye cover mask
- € Fan or water bottle at the ready for morning spritz

Lighting

- € Flashlights with batteries
- € Headlamp with batteries
- € Battery rechargers
- € Propane lanterns w/extra mantles and lighters
- € Solar path lights w/ clear plastic bags to from the dust
- € El wire project or LED to put in back of camelback

Shelter/Shower

- € Tent with poles (check poles ahead of time) and rain fly
- € Ground cloth
- € 2 extra tarps
- € heavy duty EZ UP with all the side sections
- € grommet kit with multi sized grommets
- € Sarongs and fabric pieces for breezy shade
- € rubber mat sections or old rug
- € rebar for each corner of tent and shade pieces and EZ UP
- € rebar toppers (rubber ducks/stuffed animals/fun float pieces)
- € zipties, rope and duct tape
- € One 2x4 to hang solar shower/curtain
- € 1x1 wooden plank to put in center of kiddie pool for shower base

Bike

- € lights, front and back – Tireflys look great and are cheaper than hokeyspokes
- € Bike bell or ringer thingy
- € Tractor seat-a MUST
- € lock/chain with several keys or one combo lock that you won't forget
- € Baskets, milk crate, rack
- € Bike tool kit and repair book with pump
- € Spare tires and tubes
- € Tire repair kit

Hardware-put small stuff in your own Oh Sh*t Kit (tackel box, hardware box or closed bin)

- € Duct tape, baling wire
- € WD-40
- € Sandpaper, steel wool
- € Needles and heavy thread
- € Grommet repair kit
- € Shoe Goo or some such
- € Super Glue
- € Self Stick Nylon Fabric Repair Kit
- € Repair kit for your air bed/pad
- € Heavy duty construction magnet for picking up loose screws etc
- € Regular hammer
- € Small sledge hammer
- € Shovel, spade, rake
- € Ladder, step stool
- € Campsite clean up tools
- € Metal/bucket with lid
- € Leather work gloves (important!)
- € Scissors-several pairs
- € Canned air (don't leave in the sun!)
- € Small bottle of vinegar

I recommend NOT bringing your really good tools out there. The alkaline makes anything metal rust and kills tools. We have a playa toolbox of playified tools to use every year

Personal Items:

- € Shower FM Radio
- € 2 way radios (register your frequency at [BurnDir](#))
- € Gifts for all your new friends
- € Musical instruments, drums
- € Mail box with post
- € Camera (or several disposables)
- € Towels and washcloths
- € Vitamins/Emergen C
- € Non-scented shampoo and bio-soap
- € Sunscreen, sunblock spf 50
- € Lotions, massage oil
- € Burt's Beez coconut foot balm
- € Saline Nasal spray
- € Lip balm, chapstick (keep in cooler)
- € Kleenex, toilet paper
- € Baby wipes, handi-wipes, etc.
- € Sunglasses-bring extra pair too!
- € RX glasses or Contacts and solution (note: not anymore =) for me)
- € Toothbrush and toothpaste
- € Hair brush, comb
- € Hair ties and clips
- € Small mirror
- € Tampons, pads, grrrl supplies
- € NOTE: do not throw used tampons in the port-a-potties! Bring small ziploc bags and dispose in your own garbage.
- € 2 bottles of Liquid Bandage
- € Blister patches
- € Tiger balm patches
- € Advil...lots of advil
- € Burn cream
- € Sheer Vinyl gloves
- € Many Lighters and long clicker lighter-extra zippo fluid AND butane fuel
- € Ace bandage/ankle strap
- € Athletic tape w/first aid kit
- € Small box or garbage can to dry out burnables
- € Full length mirror
- € 1 large canister of zipties

Playa Kitchen Stuff

- € Clean Bucket and plastic dish bin
- € Bio degradable soap and 2 scrubbers
- € Spray oil, butter
- € 5 gal spigit cooler for water
- € 1 gal gatoraid spigit cooler
- € Camp cook stove
- € Propane (with several extra cans for backup)
- € Hot pads, trivets
- € Lighters (long one for stove) with extra fuel
- € Pots, fry pans, and lids – one good nonstick skillet (deep)
- € Spatula, rubber scraper
- € Big spoon, slotted spoon
- € Pie Irons
- € Knives, large and small
- € Cutting board
- € Paper Plates and bowls-burn every night
- € Coffee Pot with Coffee filters and cone/bodun press
- € Ground Coffee and creamer

- € Water Kettle
- € Cups and coffee mugs with lids
- € Cooking oil, salt and pepper etc
- € Silverware
- € Towels and rags
- € Herbal teas (bring a selection for sore throat, sour stomach, anxiety, etc)
- € Chai powder
- € Wooden chopsticks (burn every night)
- € Paper towels, napkins, paper bowls
- € Tin foil
- € Garbage bags (large and small)
- € Mesh bag for wet garbage (dry it!)
- € Folding table, tablecloth and grip clips to hold it down
- € Lawn chairs

FOOD-COLD

- € Frozen take out – freeze flat days before you leave
- € Frozen Boca Burgers
- € Free Range Pesto Sausages
- € Crunchy's no mayo pasta salad (pesto, Mediterranean Feta, Spinach, Olive Oil, shredded Parmesan)
- € Shredded cheese
- € 2 bags of rotisserie chicken strips
- € Sandwich meat
- € 1 head red romaine
- € Small mayo
- € Salami
- € Cheese

FOOD DRY

- € 2 jars of peaches in natural juice (keep in cooler)
- € Chips and Salsa
- € Flour Tortillas
- € Smoked Oysters
- € Crackers
- € Salt/Pepper
- € Miso Soup
- € Tayste Bites Indian pouches (Bombay Potatoes are the best)
- € Cold cereal-Trader Joes Vanilla Almond Crunch is a must
- € Soy milk or 1% milk
- € Coffee, Tea, herbal teas
- € Coffee Creamer w/Sugar, honey
- € Cut carrots and celery sticks
- € Orange Juice
- € Gatoraid powder
- € Natural fruit compote for Pie Irons
- € Pizza Sauce/bread/cheese/pepperoni for Pie Irons
- € Trader Joes Noodle soups (just add water)
- € Progresso Chicken Barley Soup (add leftover meat for stews)
- € Croissants (the oil keeps them softer) Seal in heavy ziplocks
- € Peanut butter and jam
- € Powerbars and such
- € Dried fruit, raisins, etc
- € Big Bag Pita Chips
- € Hummus
- € 1 bigass bottle of Baileys

CLOTHES

- € ultra-light shirts and long sleeved shirts
- € lots and lots and lots of pajamas
- € hat with chin strap
- € Tevas, slippers and hiking boots
- € Socks
- € Shorts, Tank tops
- € comfy sweat pants
- € Costumes are best when comfortable and it's something you'll WANT to wear and walk around in.
- € hair ties
- € (NO FEATHER BOAS-ONLY MARIBOU)
- € a good gauzie scarf that you can wet down and wrap your head to cool you
- € fleece pants/Long johns, tights (good under costumes on cold nights!)
- € Set of clothes for going home (sealed in big ziploc bag and don't get them out until you leave)
- € Rubberized rain jacket w/fleece lining (can often be found at Costco for \$20)
- € Comfortable nighttime shoes/boots for walking around
- € If you wear Tevas, invest in some fleece socks to wear at night \$10 at REI...very comfy and warm
- € Warmie clothes – rayon blends shed playa well. Anything itchy will hold it in and dry it out
- € Flannel pajamas, ROBE, fleece, Fun Fur Jackets
- € Thermals/Nighttime – work out a few cold weather costumes or get one great jacket and hat
- € Gloves – fingerless and regular or convertible mittens that have a top that can keep them warm
- € FLEECE FLEECE FLEECE...did I say fleece? Playa shakes them off easy and it stays soft
- € Laundry bag for dirty clothes
- € Pod belt
- € One really big furry coat for nighttime excursions – use to sit on in the abyss to stargaze

DIRECTIONS TO BURNING MAN:

Directions:

Option One: Astroturf Highway

Interstate 5 North to Sacramento - Interstate 80 East to Reno, Nevada. From Reno, take the 80 east for approximately 30 miles.

Take the Wadsworth/Pyramid Lake exit #43 to Hwy 447. Go north 1 mile to Wadsworth and turn left, staying on Hwy 447 for 75 miles to Empire. Continue 3 miles on Hwy 447 to Gerlach.

Highlights: Reserved for those who depend on corporate owned and operated chain restaurants/hotels to get them across the country without incident. This is, by far, the most lackluster approach to Burning Man one could make.



Option Two: American Dream-crunchy's favorite

Route 14 N to Suburbia. Route 395 North to Reno, Nevada. From Reno, take the 80 east for apx 30 miles. Take the Wadsworth/Pyramid Lake exit #43 to Hwy 447. Go north 1 mile to Wadsworth & turn left, staying on Hwy 447 for 75 miles to Empire. Continue 3 miles on Hwy 447 to Gerlach.

Highlights: This is a great drive through the Mojave Desert and when you get into the Sierra Nevada mountains it becomes simply incredible, with breathtaking views all around. You are often in places quite rural and remote but there are still plenty of services and supermarkets and restaurants to keep you from going into convulsions or heavy breathing.



Option Three: UPDATED Playa Bdass' Super Spooky Desert Route To BRC

Don't Panic! Open a big bag of food for the pets. Fill your gas tank, fill it when ever you can!

1. Take the **I-5 N** to **CA-14 N** Palmdale / **Lancaster**. It's 268 miles from LA to Bishop, get fuel in Lancaster
(*Douggie Style went to High School in Lancaster*) if you need it.
2. **CA-14 N** to **US-395 N Bishop**. Ca-14 N merges with the 395.
3. Stop in Bishop at the BBQ place on your left. \$\$ but good. GET Fuel, 197 miles to the next 24 hour gas station.
4. Continue North on US-395 (Main ST) to US-6 Basalt.
5. **US-6** for 52 miles to **NV-360** Tonopah Junction. Watch for UFO's, Nevada State Troopers, and COWS.
6. **NV-360** for 23 miles to the stop sign an TEE intersection. Sometimes there is a US-95 sign sometimes not. Make a **Left turn** at the stop sign.
7. **US-95 N** 32 miles, pass by Mina and Luna, **Hawthorne**, a good place for fuel, watch for torpedoes in the lake. Home of US Submarine Warfare Center. **US-95 N** to Schurz. Now we Depart from Nobody's route . Take the US-95 N to the **RIGHT** towards Fallon. The other way takes you to an Indian Casino and up a mountain.
8. In Fallon turn Left onto **US-50** towards Fernley. The Navy bombs the desert around Fallon.
9. Take **US-50** for 9.3 miles to **US-50 ALT** for 17 miles. You're in Fernley, go under the Rail Road Bridge. Good Place for fuel. *If you get on the I-80 E for 1 or 2 exits there should be a big 24 hour Grocery Store on your right.*
10. **US-50/ US-95 / US-50 ALT / Main ST** all become one in Fernley, Take it North under the I-80, where the road becomes **NV-427**. This route bypasses the Indian Tobacco store.
11. **NV-427 to NV-447 N**, Right turn onto **NV-447 N** Nixon/ Empire/ Gerlach
12. **GERLACH to BRC** - Take **HWY-34** apx. 11 miles, follow the signs.

----**WELCOME HOME**---- Give BadassBrad a beer

Miles between places:

LA to Lancaster apx 70 miles LA to Bishop 267 miles
Lancaster to Bishop 198 miles LA to Fernley NV 492 miles
Bishop to Hawthorne 118 miles Bishop to Fernley NV 225 miles
Hawthorne to Fallon 72 miles Hawthorne to Fernley 99 miles
Fallon to Fernley 27 Miles Hawthorne to Gerlach 177 miles
Fernley to Gerlach 79 Miles Bishop to Gerlach 302 miles
Gerlach to BRC 11 Miles

--- Total Miles: Los Angeles CA to Black Rock City NV, 579 miles ---

A BRILLIANT SITE: <http://civilizedexplorer.pbwiki.com/index.php?wiki=renoSupplies>

RENO Hot Spots: http://www.burningman.com/preparation/travel_info/reno/reno.html

Here we include a short list of the most popular pit-stops in the Reno-Sparks area that burners with little-time on their hands typically want to check off as a stop before heading off to the playa.

Although those listed tend to also be among our favorite shops, we defer to experience here in pointing out, although they are somewhat scattered around the region, there is a reason why these shops are so popular during the burner migrations.

Please read on for the details...

[The Melting Pot World Emporium](#)

1049 South Virginia Street – 775-322-9445 – [map](#) – ([Downtown](#))

Regular hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sat 11am-7pm, Sun. 12pm-5pm. Around the time of Burning Man, open earlier and later. Call ahead for special hours.

Family-owned and operated by burners Monique, Eric, and Kaz, this wonderful place is also a year-round and longtime favorite of the local and world burner community. Lots and lots of great, exotic, ethnic, futuristic, retro, steampunk, and other fashionable costuming, clothing, lingerie, tutus, booty shorts, belts, boots, shoes, leg warmers, goggles, bags, jewelry, masks, hats, pasties, capes, wings, hoola hoops, playa-safe boas, parasols, a large variety of fire tools, ready-to-go el-wire kits, light toys, flags, tapestries, playa gifts, carrying packs, camel-bags, pocket belts, poi, body paints and latex, body and eco-friendly lotions and oils, lip balms, smoking tools, portable ashtrays, books and dvd's about Burning Man, Burning Man calendars, and other curiosities. Also a section of fun clothing just for kids too! All-in-all, a great place to meetup with other burners and for local info.

The Melting Pot is also one of the few places on the planet that sells tickets to Burning Man. **HOWEVER, for 2011, tickets are already sold out here** — if they are still available at all, go to [Burning Man Tickets Online](#).

[Junkees Clothing Exchange](#)

960 South Virginia Street – 775-322-5868 – [map](#) – ([Downtown](#))

Open every day, 11am-8pm. Open later during Burning Man, call ahead for special hours. Owned and operated by burners Jessica and Troy and crew, Junkee Clothing Exchange is a wonderful journey backwards and forwards in time and space to find a HUGE variety of very affordable vintage recycled, upcycled, custom, and one-of-a-kind clothing, including exotic and fun clothing, hats, scarves, corsets, tutus, vests, purses, shoes, jumpsuits, glasses, jewelry, masks, costumes and other accessories for both men and women for the funky life on the playa. Also a place to sell or trade back, recycle your playawear!

[Polyesther's Costume Boutique](#)

655 South Virginia Street – 775-420-5050 – [map](#) – ([Downtown](#))

Burning Man hours: Open daily 11am-8pm, but call ahead for after-hours possibilities. Polyesther's is an up-and-coming costume boutique at a new location that is unique for it's custom-made line of wild fun fashion-ware, unique to the life of Black Rock City and beyond. Here you can find unique, wild, and fun upcycled as well as brand-new clothing and costumes ranging from industrial to faux to vintage to disco to fishnet to chain-malle to sexy, for both women and men. Designs by Esther, Christine Saari-Walkingstick, Aliwear, and other designers. You can find a wide variety of coats, mini-coats, dresses, pants, shirts, vests, suits, tutus, corsets, lingerie, leggings, gloves, belts, ponchos, boot toppers and covers, vests, pants, hats, wigs, halos, wings, bikini-wear, el-wired and weighted hoola-hoops, hand-

painted parasols, masks, and jewelry. Esther will also make something custom just for you, contact her by August 15 to get in your order.

The Doll House

1092 South Virginia Street – 775-337-6060 – [map](#) – ([Downtown](#))

Open Mon-Sat 11am-8pm, Sun 12pm-6pm. During Burning Man, call for after-hours. The Doll House is the place to get some of the sexiest custom-made outfits and costumes for the playa, including spandex pants, booty shorts, mini-pleated skirts, bikinis, tops, fishnet stockings in a wide variety of colors and designs, fur clothing and accessories, feather earrings, pasties, eye lashes, and a large selection in boots and shoes. Some sexy wear such as booty shorts, thongs, and boots for men too. Also carrier of men-magnet lotions and lip gloss. Owner and burner Jeanne specializes in sewing stretch fabrics, including lames and other wild fabrics, and she also carries a large variety from other brands. Custom outfits possible — orders should be placed by no later than August 15!

Prism Magic Clothing & Imports

2161 Pyramid Way – 75-356-5577 – [map](#) – ([Pyramid](#))

Yup! On the way to the big ole Burn on Pyramid Way. Owned and operated by burners for burners, they specialize in tie-dye but have all sorts of fun 'Playa Wear'. Petticoats, animal bikes, costumes, sarongs, hats, vintage clothing and other unique items. [Black Rock Bicycles](#) are also available. Stop on by & have some fun c/o Lauren & Crew.

[Save Mart Supermarket](#)

525 Keystone Ave – 775-786-2150 – [map](#) – ([Keystone Ave](#))

Open 24/7 for Burning Man. This Save Mart every year increasingly goes out of their way for burners, and is the most popular spot among burners on their way to the playa. Moreover, bicycles, recycling, and ridesharing can also be found here in abundance. A one-stop shop if there is one....

An area of the Save Mart parking lot will be set aside to display LOTS AND LOTS of bulk-water that may be picked up after being purchased inside. They will also be carrying lots of 15 and 55-gallon barrels, spigots and pumps. Aquafill-Pacific Mist will also have a truck in the parking lot to fill up your barrels, containers, or RV's with Reverse Osmosis-filtered water!

Other specialty products will be located inside and outside of the store, including

[Black Rock Bicycles](#) and [Kiwani's Bikes](#) and accessories, [Cool Neon](#) el-wire ready-kits, various glow toys, fun hats, masks, goggles and fun glasses, headlamps, solar chargers, tiki torches, medium and small propane tanks and propane stoves, bicycle tubes and lighting, dry ice, vegetarian and vegan sandwich fillers, various energy bars and powders, freeze-dried backpacking foods, sushi, reusable cups and other kitchenware and storage containers, lots of canned beer and other booze, and coolers.

Like some other Save Marts in town, they will also be operating a Drive-Thru Recycling Center for this year's event! A free, multi-community project to promote

recycling, this multi-year initiative is designed for your convenience with no strings attached – just PLEASE sort and have your recyclables as clean as possible and removed from bags before depositing. Bicycles, plastics (HDPE 1,2,3,4&5), plastic bags, glass, all metals (aluminum, tin, lead, steel, etc), paper, cardboard, household batteries, and non-perishable food and water are all welcome. Moreover, garbage deposit will be available to recyclers at the rate of \$3 per 35-gallon standard trash bag. All proceeds raised from this recycling initiative will be donated to support new local [Black Rock Solar](#) installations, and food and water to local food banks. Both the store and recycling center will be open 24/7 from August 26 through September 7.

Also notable here for those on a shoestring is that Save Mart will also be serving as a Rideshare Base during the event. What's [Rideshare](#)? If you need a ride to the playa, as this Save Mart gets so much businesses from folks travelling to the playa every year and throughout the week, it is likely that you will be able to quickly land a ride here to the playa at any hour. Please just remember that offering to help out with gas is sometimes helpful, that not everyone shopping here is even interested in Burning Man, please remember to leave no trace, that everyone must wear a seatbelt in the vehicle, and most importantly, be comfortable with whom you may come to share a ride with.

[Whole Foods Market](#)

6139 South Virginia Street – 775-852-8023 – [map](#) – ([South Virginia and Kietzke Lane](#))

Open 8am-9pm daily. A very popular place among burners, Whole Foods is the largest healthy food store in the region, with a HUGE variety of high-quality foods, wine, beer, and spirits, and body products. They also have a section of fun playa-fashionable clothing — hats, vests, shirts, pants, dresses, coats, etc — and accessories, such as ready-to-go el-wire kits, produced locally for life on the playa. And of course they will have plenty of bulk water in 2.5 and 5 gallon sizes on the side.

And, finally, a most wonderful thing for last, Whole Foods will again be providing free recycling service in support of Burning Man. Acceptable recyclables include: Aluminum, tin, steel, glass, plastics (SPI 1,2,3,4,& 5), household batteries, cardboard, paper, and bicycles. Your egg-shells, coffee grinds, and green-matter compost are also acceptable, just as long as it has not been in your mouth or otherwise contaminated with pathogens or chemicals. And garbage disposal will be available to recyclers at the rate of \$3 per 35-gallon standard trash bag. All proceeds raised from this recycling initiative will be donated to support new local [Black Rock Solar](#) installations, and food and water will be donated to local food banks. These services are available 24 hours from August 26 through September 7 — all you have to do is drive in, and please have your recyclables as clean as possible and sorted before depositing, with everything going into the appropriate containers.

[Trader Joe's](#)

5035 South McCarran Blvd – 775-826-1621 – [map](#) – ([South Virginia and Kietzke Lane](#))

Open 8am-10pm daily. In the Smithridge Shopping Plaza, a place to maneuver carefully for parking large spacecruisers, but heck, the legend of Trader Joe's is well worth it! A VERY hot spot among local and world burners for great and novel foods, drinks, and booze ideal for playa life, ...and at great prices!

Simply Water

1070 Gentry Way – 775-337-8111 – [map](#) – ([Moana](#))

Open Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-3pm, but will have special (8am-8pm) hours for Burning Man – call ahead for possible after-hours appointments. Purified water for 40 cents a gallon. Owner Mike Cadena's been to Burning Man. Bring your own container, buy one, or fill your RV directly.

[Twin City Surplus](#)

1675 East 4th Street – 775-323-5630 – [map](#) – ([Grand Sierra](#))

Open Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm. Long-time mega magnet for burners, this place has a little of everything. They have an extended portion of their site just for Burning Man, and they are continuing to "go Green"! They will have the usual 35 and 55-gallon water barrels — will even let you fill them up there — along with the usual variety of tents, tarps, rope, goggles, clothing, stoves, and military-ware. Crank flashlights, Everlites, and solar lanterns are just a few of the many green-er items they are now carrying. Check out their website for their hot items.

Carter Bros. Ace Hardware

1215 South Virginia Street – 775-337-1200 – [map](#) – ([Downtown](#))

Open Mon-Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 11am-4pm. One of the few hardware stores owned by burners in town that is as well independently seeking to meet the shade and camping needs of the burning man participant. Stocking up on a wide variety of playa-specific hardware, camping, and lighting needs.

[Lowe's Home Improvement](#)

5075 Kietzke Lane – 775-824-4750 – [map](#) – ([South Virginia and Kietzke Lane](#))

Open Mon-Fri 6am-9pm, Sun 8am-8pm. A bit larger than Home Depot, but just as friendly to burners, carrying all the basic building supplies for your shade or camp, flashlights, batteries, rebar, and other goods you might want...

[Lowe's Home Improvement](#)

2450 Oddie Blvd – 775-356-6333 – [map](#) – ([Oddie](#))

Open Mon-Sat 6am-10pm, Sun 7am-8pm. A bit larger than Home Depot, but just as friendly to burners, carrying all the basic building supplies for your shade or camp, flashlights, batteries, rebar, and other goods you might want...

[Home Depot](#)

5125 Summit Ridge Drive – 775-787-9690 – [map](#) – ([West McCarran and Mae Anne Ave.](#))

Open Mon-Fri 6am-9pm, Sun 7am-8pm.

[Home Depot](#)

6590 South Virginia Street – 775-851-9600 – [map](#) – ([South Virginia and Kietzke Lane](#))

Open Mon-Sat, 6am-9pm, Sun 7am-8pm. This Home Depot sets up an area specifically for Burners, stocked with all the basic building supplies for your shade or camp, flashlights, batteries, rebar, and other goods you might want.

Jub Jub's Thirst Parlor

71 South Wells Avenue – 775-384-1652 – ([Downtown](#))

Open daily 2pm-whenever! Look for the giant monkey and "FYD" on the side of the building — Jub Jub's is located in the back.

Well, seeing how there may be some people who are eager for some local burner scenery mixed with firewater, more-than-anything, we just had to include Jub Jub's here among the areas Hot Stops. Burners-owned and operated and known as "The Fucking Classiest Dive Bar in Reno," if you are wondering if there is any kind of affiliation between Jub Jub's Thirst Parlor and the Jub Jub's Theme Camp in Black Rock City, well, ehhhh, hmmm, you'll just have to come find out for yourself. Due to the closing of the world-famous Zephyr Bar, pretty much everyone who frequented that bar now resides at Jub Jub's. Featuring live music regularly and other wildly bizarre and fun personalities and events and games, if you're coming through Reno and stop at the Thirst Parlor on August 26 and 27, ask for a "Free Spin on the Wheel." You won't regret it. Oh, and, Fuck Your Day.

OVERALL SHOPPING AREAS:

http://www.burningman.com/preparation/travel_info/reno/renopages_shoppingareas.html

If you are traveling West-East along I-80, here are your most convenient shopping hubs:

I-80 Corridor

[A. Verdi](#)

[B. Robb Drive](#)

[C. West McCarran Blvd and Mae Anne Ave](#)

[D. Keystone Avenue](#)

[E. Downtown Reno and Midtowne](#)

[F. Pyramid Highway](#)

[G. East McCarran and Prater Way](#)

[H. Sparks and Vista Boulevards](#)

[I. Fernley](#)

[J. Wadsworth](#)

[K. Pyramid Lake](#)

If you are also traveling South-North along US-395, here are your most convenient shopping hubs:

US-395 North of I-80

[L. Oddie Blvd](#)

[M. North McCarran Blvd and Northtowne Lane](#)

US-395 South of I-80

[N. Grand Sierra Resort - Mill Street and Glendale Ave](#)

[O. Reno Airport - Plumb Lane](#)

[P. Moana Lane](#)

[Q. Exit 63: South Virginia Street and South Kietzke Lane](#)

[R. Exit 61: South Virginia Street](#)

[S. South Meadows Pkwy](#)

[T. Damonte Ranch Pkwy](#)

[U. Carson City](#)