

# Leave No Trace Plan, Burning Man

## About Our Camp

Camp Name: Karma Chickens

History, background: Established in 2003, the Karma Chickens formed as a group of friends from Sacramento, the Bay area, London, LA area and other default worlds to create a BM community of love, respect and fun.

Estimated Population: 45

As a camp we will:

- Plan Ahead
- Practice the 6 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 structure: Every member of KC camp, virgins and veterans alike is responsible for LNT. All members will be schooled and experts in LNT and MOOP prevention.

We hereby designate \_\_\_Phenixx \_\_\_\_\_ as our Ambassador to the Black Rock Desert and leader of our **Leave No Trace Team**: \_\_\_ Brad, John, Amber \_\_\_\_\_

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. The Ambassador will make sure EVERYTHING left goes with us.

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

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## **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 any 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, trinkets, 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:

- Well-placed trash and recycling bins, reclosable containers, centrally located gray-water area

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

- No fake fur or tinsil or other items likely to degrade, fly away, and create MOOP

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

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

- We will have extra space in vehicles for unanticipated waste.

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

- We have a pump-assisted gray-water evaporation system. Remaining water will be transported out in an RV tank.
- Explain the ground rules to all camp members and post our LNT plan on our website: We have regular gatherings and will communicate (as we have in the past) our commitment to Leave No Trace.

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

- Separate, sealed, clearly-marked containers for recyclables, burnables, and non-burnables.
- Reusable dinnerware and utensils, including a portable beverage container and coffee cup for the Café

- A large water container for camp water supplies when possible (no small containers)
- Mesh over gray-water for wet kitchen scraps and then chained buckets for settling solids
- 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.
- Work gloves for everybody.
- Sledgehammer for compacting 5-gallon buckets and driving stakes.
- Vise grips for removing stakes and rebar.
- Plan for disposing of trash, recycling, and RV water at appropriate municipal locations.
- 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 to 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 encourage camp members to participate in DPW line sweeps and local restoration efforts.
- We will volunteer for and support ecological protection and restoration of the Black Rock Desert