

STRESS FREE RVs

BURNING MAN GUIDE

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Black Rock City, Nevada • August 30 – September 7, 2026

RENTER PREPARATION, RULES & EVENT PACKAGE GUIDE

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Welcome to Burning Man 2026

You picked Stress Free RVs to deliver one of the most demanding RV trips on planet Earth — and that means something to us. Burning Man is not a campground. It is a temporary city in a high-altitude desert where wind, dust, heat, cold, and 70,000+ neighbors all conspire to test every system on a recreational vehicle. **This guide exists to make sure you arrive prepared, return home safely, and avoid every avoidable surprise — both on the playa and on your invoice.**

We have been deploying RVs to Black Rock City for years. Every line in this document is here because it has either saved a renter money, prevented a unit from being damaged, or prevented a real incident on the playa. **Read it twice. Print it. Keep a copy in the rig. *There is no internet on the playa.***

Event at a Glance

Event	Burning Man 2026
Event Dates	August 30 – September 7, 2026
Location	Black Rock City, Nevada
Special Rate Window	08/28 – 09/08 (longer rental window for prep + return)
Pickup / Drop-Off	Sycuan Market — 4915 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, CA
Find Us On The Playa	Unofficial Camp Stress Free — H & 4:15
Theme & Tickets	Refer to burningman.org for the official 2026 theme, gate hours, and ticket information
Internet On-Playa	NONE. Print this guide. Download maps before you leave.

ALL INVENTORY WILL SELL OUT. Burning Man is the single highest-demand event of our calendar year. We size the fleet, but we do not over-promise. Once a unit is held with a deposit it is gone — confirm early.

Logistics: Where to Find Us

PICKUP / DROP-OFF (San Diego Area)	ON THE PLAYA (Black Rock City)
Sycuan Market 4915 Dehesa Road El Cajon, CA <i>All local pickup and drop-off appointments take place here unless we have arranged delivery. Confirm your time window with us before arriving.</i>	Camp Stress Free Intersection: H & 4:15 <i>(unofficial — not a registered theme camp)</i> <i>Unofficial setup where the Stress Free crew posts up during event week. Stop by if you need hands-on help, advice, or just want to say hi. Tech support calls go to Carmen first — see contacts.</i>

Why Stress Free RVs

- **Burning Man—experienced fleet and prep standards**
- Playa-ready units — dust, duration, off-grid power, and heat all accounted for in the build prep
- Clear, flat-rate event pricing — no hourly surprises, no creeping nightlies
- Optional enhanced Burning Man services — generators, comfort kits, exterior setups, post-event restoration
- Built for long-duration, off-grid stays — not weekend campers stretched into a week
- **Independent direct-booking fleet — you talk to us, not a marketplace dispatcher**

Event Flat-Rate RV Packages

Burning Man pricing is flat-rate and replaces all standard nightly rates. There are two pricing tiers: **Early Bird (book by May 15)** and **Promotional Event Rates (booked after May 15)**. Inventory sells out long before the second tier ever fills.

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS — BOOK BY MAY 15

Towable RVs

RV Type	Sleeps	Early Bird Price
Small (towable)	up to 3	\$1,750
XL (towable)	6–8	\$1,999
XXL (towable)	8–10	\$2,500

Motorized RVs

RV Type	Sleeps	Early Bird Price
Class A	up to 6	\$9,000
Class B	up to 4	\$4,000
Class C	up to 6	\$5,000
Class C Bunkhouse	up to 10	\$6,500

PROMOTIONAL EVENT RATES — BOOKED AFTER MAY 15**Towable RVs**

RV Type	Sleeps	Event Price (After May 15)
Small (towable)	up to 3	\$1,999
XL (towable)	6–8	\$2,500
XXL (towable)	8–10	\$3,500

Motorized RVs

RV Type	Sleeps	Event Price (After May 15)
Class A	up to 6	\$12,500
Class B	2–4	\$4,500
Class C	6–8	\$6,500
Class C Bunkhouse	8–10	\$7,500

Required Event Fees

Clear and upfront. These apply on top of the package rate above.

Fee	What It Is	What It Includes
\$225	Mandatory Prep Fee	Pre and post inspections, walkthrough tutorial, essential supply kit
\$1,200	Motorized Service Fee (motorized only)	Pre and post oil change, generator service, full post-trip inspection and tune-up
Apply	Taxes & Insurance	Standard taxes and insurance applied at the rate confirmed at booking

Optional Burning Man Services

Inquire for availability and pricing. These are the services that turn a rental into a turnkey playa experience — they are also the services most likely to be wait-listed, so flag interest early.

- **Power & generator solutions** — portable generators, fuel canisters, runtime planning
- **Playa comfort & exterior setups** — canopies, outdoor mats, camp chairs, shade structures, BBQ kits
- **Enhanced prep & post-event restoration** — deep dust mitigation pre-trip, full detail post-trip
- **Concierge add-ons** — linen sets, BBQ kits, Keurig + K-cups, e-bikes, e-scooters, walkie-talkies, Starlink WiFi
- **Logistics support** — extended duration, early start, late return, on-site delivery to Reno or directly to the playa (towables only)
- **LUDIFY "Let Us Do It For You"** — Carefree Convenience Package: water prefill, propane refill, waste tank empty (highly recommended)

Pre-Trip Preparation

The work you do BEFORE leaving is the single biggest predictor of how the trip goes.

Required Reading & Viewing

- Burning Man's Playa Living guide: burningman.org/event/preparation/playa-living/
- Watch: "If this is your first burn" — youtu.be/RB-S7cDlybg
- Watch: "RV tips at Burning Man" — youtu.be/OkavcJD4SA4
- **Download the iBurn app and pull the offline map BEFORE leaving service**
- Print this guide and the burner map — keep a physical copy in the rig

Pre-Trip Inspection

We perform a full pre-trip inspection on every unit. We ask renters to perform their own as well — it protects both sides if there is ever a discrepancy. **Submit yours via the link in your reservation confirmation email at the start of your trip.**

Fuel Strategy

- **Fill up in Reno before heading out**
- Top off again at the LAST station before the playa — Empire / Gerlach stations regularly run dry during event week
- Carry a 5-gallon backup canister (we offer this as an add-on) — running out of gas on Gate Road is a 4-figure mistake

On the Playa: Rules & Guidelines

Read this section twice. Every item below comes from a real incident on a real unit. Following these rules is the difference between getting your full security deposit back and absorbing a four-figure damage charge.

Critical Do's

- Position the unit AWAY from the main wind direction — orient nose or tail into the prevailing wind
- Wear shoes outside at all times to avoid playa foot (alkaline burns)
- Bring eye protection — goggles, ski-style or workshop-grade
- **Run a cool-mist humidifier inside the unit AT ALL TIMES — refill morning and night**
- Tape up windows, doors, and slide-out seals with wide painters tape
- Place bandanas over every roof and side vent to slow dust intake
- Cover floors with cardboard, mattresses with plastic, upholstery with sheets or tapestries, electronics with cloth
- Keep doors closed — every open-door minute is more dust to clean later
- Mark the unit with LED lights — at night, every white box looks identical
- Keep roadside assistance information written down on paper inside the unit

DO NOT — ZERO EXCEPTIONS

- **DO NOT use the awning.** The playa will destroy it. **Minimum \$5,000 charge for damage.**
- **DO NOT wear shoes inside the unit**
- **DO NOT smoke inside the unit (sanitary cleaning fee applies)**
- **DO NOT leave windows or doors open longer than necessary**
- **DO NOT skip the humidifier — dry interior air shrinks wood and warps cabinetry**

Tires, Wheels & Rims — Renter Responsibility

Tires, wheels, and rims are the renter's financial responsibility. They are NOT covered by insurance.

We send every unit out with tires inflated to spec and inspected. We strongly recommend taking an EXTRA spare tire to the playa.

Required Supplies — Renter Responsibility

Bring these. They are not optional, and they are not provided in the standard rental. We can pre-stage many of them via the Outdoor Comfort Kit and Carefree add-ons — ask if you want it handled for you.

Item	Why You Need It
Wide painters tape (3 rolls minimum)	Sealing windows, doors, slides, vents, and storage compartments
1 gallon water per person per day	Hydration is non-negotiable at altitude in dry desert heat
Cardboard for flooring	First defense against tracked-in dust and abrasion
Plastic mattress covers	Playa dust embeds in fabric and is nearly impossible to remove
Plastic film for carpets	Same protection; prevents permanent staining
LED lights for the unit	Find your rig at night; aid visibility for neighbors
Bandanas + tapestries / sheets	Vent covers and upholstery covers
Cool-mist humidifier	Protects unit interior wood + protects you from desert dryness
Eye protection / goggles	White-out dust storms are a regular occurrence
Extra spare tire	See "Tires, Wheels & Rims" — your responsibility, not insurance's
Solar lights (abundant)	Power conservation; nighttime way-finding
Extra propane (abundant)	Cooking, refrigeration in absorption fridges, water heater

Post-Event Return Guidelines

Cleaning a unit after Burning Man can take a 2-person crew up to 2 full days. **That is why our event cleaning fee structure exists. The good news: the cleaner you return the unit, the less you pay.** *If you know in advance you cannot clean it, tell us — we can schedule the work and quote you up front instead of catching you off-guard at return.*

Return-Day Checklist

1. Wipe down all interior surfaces — water and white-vinegar solution cuts playa dust
2. Sweep all floors twice
3. Mop floors with a wet-jet Swiffer
4. **Empty all waste tanks: BLACK first, then GREY 1, then GREY 2 (levers on the exterior)**
5. Refill propane tanks
6. Replace air filters (HVAC and generator)
7. Turn ALL powered items to OFF before leaving the unit
8. Note any issues that need our attention — leave a clear note inside the unit OR call us before drop-off
9. **Submit your post-trip inspection via the link in your confirmation email**

Generator Service (Motorized Units)

If you ran a generator at Burning Man — and you did — it needs an oil change, oil filter, and air filter at end of trip. **This is included in the \$1,200 Motorized Service Fee.** [Generator service video reference:youtu.be/sh_Xxd-F6hQ](https://youtu.be/sh_Xxd-F6hQ)

Cleaning Fee Schedule

Posted in advance for transparency. We strongly prefer you avoid all of these by returning the unit clean.

Rate	What It Covers
\$299/hr	Administrative rate (paperwork, dispute resolution, complex coordination)
\$250/hr	Cleaning rate (4-hour minimum applied to Burning Man returns)
\$175/hr	Reduced cleaning rate for hours 5+ (we want this to end too)
\$175/hr	Standard labor rate (mechanical, repair, restocking)

LUDIFY "Let Us Do It For You" Add-Ons

- **\$250 — Carefree Convenience Package:** we dump, flush, and clean waste tanks and refill propane on return
- **\$500 — Refuel Motorized RVs:** prepay so you can return at any fuel level

Emergency & Support Contacts

Save these numbers in your phone **BEFORE** you lose service. Write the priority numbers on paper and tape them inside the unit near the main door.

Contact	Number / Address	Notes
Stress Free RVs Office	619.935.3733	Primary line — 619.935.FREE
Stress Free RVs Legacy	619.599.6882	Still active and monitored
Mike Katz (Owner) — Direct Work	619.663.7262	Owner direct work line
Mike Katz — WhatsApp / Cell	+1.917.477.9887	Personal cell, international-friendly
Mike — Email	Mike@StressFreeGroup.com	Best for written records
On-Playa Tech Support	619.909.5125	Carmen DeMartino — Master Technician (on-playa direct line)
Mailing Address	4967 Newport Ave Ste 12	San Diego, CA 92107

Always use the messaging system inside your reservation as the primary written channel — it timestamps everything and keeps the record clean. Call or text for urgent issues. Allow 24 hours' notice on damage events; submit claims within 5 days of trip end.

Resources & Documents

- Event page: StressFreeRVs.com/event/burning-man-2026/
- Burning Man official site: burningman.org
- Playa Living guide: burningman.org/event/preparation/playa-living/
- iBurn app (offline map): iburnapp.com
- First-time renter video: youtu.be/RB-S7cDlybg
- RV at Burning Man tips: youtu.be/OkavcJD4SA4
- Generator service walkthrough: youtu.be/sh_Xxd-F6hQ

Stress Free RVs Documents

- Terms and Conditions: StressFreeRVs.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/STRESSFREERVS-ToS.pdf
- Rules and Policies: StressFreeRVs.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/STRESSFREERVS-RULES-AND-POLICIES.pdf
- Supplemental Rental Agreement: StressFreeRVs.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/STRESSFREERVS-SRA-2026.pdf
- Trip Acceptance Form: StressFreeRVs.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/TRIP-ACCEPTANCE-FORM-v7.pdf
- Insurance Requirements: StressFreeRVs.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/STRESSFREERVS-INSURANCE-REQUIREMENTS.pdf

Cancellation Policy

1. Reservations may be cancelled for free within 24 hours of initial booking, except for reservations made within 48 hours of trip check-in time.
2. Refund on unused line items up to 30+ days out (nightly rate is non-refundable).
3. No refund within 14 days of your trip's check-in time.

From the Stress Free Team

Burning Man is the most demanding trip we send a unit on, and it is also one of our favorites. Renters who follow this guide come back with stories instead of charges. **If anything in this document is unclear — call us.** Better an extra phone call before you leave than a surprise on return.

Five-star reviews are always appreciated. If for any reason you are not comfortable leaving a five-star review, please contact us first — we want the chance to make it right.

Sincerely,

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