

Welcome to Josie's Virgin Burner Packing List!

So, you've read everything here: www.burningman.com/first_timers , right? RIGHT?

Go read it again.

After that, take a look at what I think is most important your first time around.

This list assumes you're staying for the full week.

Camp Needs

* indicates absolutely necessary items, no kiddin!

Essentials - Things that make you say 'Duh'				
	Have	Packed	Quantity	Cost
* Tickets. No, really. Don't forget them. It has happened.				
Extra set of car keys				
* Drivers License/Insurance/ etc.				
Any printouts of emails from Burning Man, like your theme camp printout, etc				
* Directions				
Hotel confirmation printout				
* Car rental confirmation printout				
* 1.5 gallons of water per day per person				
* Medications and other special needs				

Living Space - Notes: On showering and cooking: you can't actually dump gray water onto the playa. People out there are serious about the 'Leave No Trace' philosophy. We bring a huge bucket and leave it in the sun. Some of it evaporates, the rest we dump into empty water containers and take home. Sounds extreme, but the event has to pass really strict land inspections every year. A lot of people have great camp shower and evaporation pond techniques, check them out on the web, etc. Also, everything you build should be staked down with rebar, not tent stakes. The wind will rip those right out, and your tent along with it. I'm also listing shade for over your tent. If you van camp (like I do), it's best if you can build a shade structure (aka carport) for over your van. If you tent it, park your car facing north/south, and jam your tent as close to it, or another large vehicle, as possible. You will not sleep if your tent is in the sun. Note on rebar: you'll either want to create "candy canes" out of your rebar, or you'll need to bring tennis balls or plastic bottle to put over your exposed rebar. This is so people (and you) don't trip over them at night.

	Have	Packed	Quantity	Cost
* Shade for your van, or tent				
* Rebar to stake down shade or tent				
* Covering for your exposed rebar or steel pipe to create 'candy canes'				
* Light or glowsticks to light your tent and rebar stakes				
* Tent (if your not sleeping in van like I do)				
* Tarp for under tent				
* Lantern				
Camp Chair (Really essential, but I guess you could live without it)				
A piece of rug, to keep the dust down around your tent.				
Air mattress				
Fitted sheet for mattress				
* Pillows				
* Light blanky				
* Warm blanky or sleeping bag				
Collapseable table, or something you can use as a table				
Big plastic tub to stash stuff in - very handy for dust storms.				

Bike Stuff - Note: You can survive Burning Man without a bike, but it's a lot more fun if you have one. All your friends will have them, and you'll be left walking. If you can't bring one from home you can rent one from this guy in Reno that caters to Burners (keep an eye on Jack Rabbit Speaks for his info) or you can buy one on the way at walmart, or even in Gerlach (locals sell them out of trucks). Or just walk, it's really not so bad. Also, I hate to list bike locks as a necessary item, but we had a bike stolen last year. I really think that having obnoxious decorations on your bike deter theft. The one that was stolen from us was a generic kmart bike with no decoration.

Bike				
Patch Kit				
Headlights				
Bike pump				
Locks				

Fix It stuff - This is just the bare minimum list to get your camp up. Obviously you'll revise this if you have any big projects or group camping structures.

	Work gloves (really nice to have)				
*	Small tool box, with a few essential tools				
*	Swiss army knife, Leatherman or Pleatherman (fake leatherman)				
	Rope, bungies, string				
*	Mallet for pounding in rebar				
	Zip ties, zip ties, zip ties				
	Sharpie				
	Scissors				
	Tarp repair kit (grommets, rubber cement), if you bring tarp				
	Big binder (steal from work) clips or big clips - to secure fly away tents and tarps.				
	String				
	Fire extinguisher (it is burning man, after all)				
*	Tape				
	Electrical				
	Duct				

Bags - What can I say? They're just so handy. You're not a true burner until you're totally obsessed with zip locks. Remember that you'll be packing out everything you brought in, so you'll need garbage bags! Pack your clothes in large zip locks, and then, as you use your clothes, you can use the zip locks to seal up nasty wet garbage.

*	Big trash bags - 10 or so				
	3 gallon zip locks				
	1 gallon zip locks				
*	little zip locks - to carry with you wherever you go, for moop.				

Creature Comfort Needs

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Creature Comforts - Note: Serious about the dust mask and goggles. Get them! It is very dusty, and even worse when there's a dust storm. Really.				
	Mister / battery Fan			
	Moist neck tie thingies - I love these things.			
	Discman / headphones or little boombox			
	Cd's (burned, not originals)			
*	Dust masks			
*	Extra filters			
*	Goggles			
*	Earplugs, and little tins to keep them in.			
*	Floppy big hats			
*	Sunglasses, and an extra pair (they get lost easily)			
	Sleep masks			
	Little sewing kit			
	Safety pins			

Out and About, for exploring the playa - You absolutely need some kind of illumination on you at all times after dark. Art cars will run you over! Quality L.e.d. toys are best, as they create less waste than glowsticks. Also, always carry a zip lock with you. There are no trash cans at Burning Man. You pack everything out, so if you create trash while your out, you'll have to carry it with you back to camp and take it home with you.				
*	Blinky lights, glowsticks or other illumination			
*	Flashlight and/or headlamp			
	Small pen and paper, so you'll remember where the party is			
	Throw away cameras - I personally don't recommend bringing your digital			
*	Camelback, nalgene or preferred water container			
*	Backpack / shoulder bag / bum bag - something to carry stuff in as you're out			
*	Little zip lock bags - for trash you generate, or pick up			

Personal Hygiene - Note: What personal hygiene? Ha ha. But seriously.. Showering is less necessary than you think. Your sweat will evaporate before it has a chance to stink and you'll be covered in dust, anyways, so just give up on trying to be clean. Baby wipes are key. It's really really dry, so moisturizer is pretty necessary, especially on your feet. Everyone's feet react differently, and some people go barefoot the whole time with no problem, but you'll never know till you get there. I wear socks and boots at every waking moment. Lots of people have nasal and respiratory problems out there, you may need some saline spray.

Shower Bucket				
Shower pump (better than the sunshower) Or not				
* Q-tips - for getting all that dust out of your ears.. And nostrils. Ew.				
* Baby Wipes (4 packs)				
Shampoo & Conditioner.. Or not.				
* Dr. Bronner's or other camp soap, for dishes as well as people				
* Moisturizer - especially for feet and hands				
* Lip Balm				
Saline spray or vapor rub for ouchy nose				
Kleenex for playa boogers				
Face Wipes				
* Paper Towels				
* Toothbrushes				
* Toothpaste				
* Towels				
* TP - the porto potties don't always have it				
Pee bottle - for late night pee needs				
Eyedrops				
* Contact lenses and solution - i hear they're a real pain out there				
* Contraceptive device of your choice				
* Ibuprofen or preferred pain reliever				
Exedrin				
Tylenol PM				
* Immodium and Tums				
* Sunblock - Duh				
* First Aid Kit				
Burn Kit (it is Burning Man, after all)				
Purell hand sanitizer				
Resue remedy - for mental melt downs (you will have one)				
Arnica gel - for bruises				
Aloe vera gel				
Nail clippers				
Moleskin or blister pads				
Extra rags and towels				

Clothes - Notes on clothes: It will be hot, that is obvious, but it will also be very cold at night. Layers are key. Prepare for rain, dust, high

* Pants / skirts / sarongs (2 or 3 of them)				
* Shorts / hot pants / short skirts (2 or 3)				
* Lots of cool shirts (one for each day, if you're not a nekkid person)				
Underwear (unless you're an undies-optional person. If you forget, Panty Camp can help you!)				
* Socks (at least 2 pairs per day and another to sleep in, after you slather your feet with lotion)				
* Thermals (one pair)				
* Warm Shirts (2 or 3)				
* Big jacket				
Scarf (very necessary in my book)				
Warm hat (again, I think imperative)				
* Rain gear				
* Boots				
Sandals - for quick runs to the portos				
Costumes! (tons)				

What We ate in 2005

This is my shopping list from last year for me and my boyfriend. We're vegetarians, so this might not be quite as helpful for omnivores. This list is definitely more than we "need", but it's just so nice to have a variety. You never know what's going to sound good out there. I also eat a lot out there, and most people eat less than they usually do on the playa. I guess I'm just the exception! We like weird stuff, too, but maybe this will at least be helpful for quantities. Hell, I dunno.. here it is.

		Have	Packed	Cost
Breakfasts				
soy milk	3 quarts (for our excessive tea drinking as well)			
cereal	1big or 2 small boxes			
bagels	1 six pack			
cream cheese	1 brick			
eggs	a dozen			
fakin or s-not-sage	1 pack gimme lean, 1pack fakin			
tortillas (breakfast burritos)	1 pack of about 12			
Lunches				
Braised tofu, wildwood	2 tubs			
peanut butter	half a jar			
jam	small jar			
Bread	1 loaf, with preservatives			
Instant Thai Noodle soups	2 bowls			
Cheese (sharps and spicey) sammiches, etc	4 bricks (um, we like cheese)			
Bell pepper for sammiches	1			
Marinated tofu for sammiches	4 packs			
Tomato	1 (goes bad)			
Cabbage	1/2 head (keeps better than lettuce for sammiches)			
Dinners				
canned soups	2 big cans			
veggie baked beans	1 big cans			
not dogs	1 packs (for beanies and weenies!)			
Wild wood Braised tofu	2 packs			
Mac and chees	1 family size box.			
tasty bites	2 boxes			
thai tasty bite ish things	2 boxes			
Boil in bag rice	4 bags			
Thai kitchen noodles	2 packs			
Snackies				
Puddin snacks (soy)	2 six packs - maybe more, we fought over them.			
Hard boiled eggs	8			
food bars	a few			
fruit cups	1 six pack			
Apples	4 (they go bad day 4)			
Banana	2 (they go bad day 2)			
scooby snacks! Aka Jerquees (fake beef jerky)	6 bags			
tortilla chips for sharing	1 big bag			
Other salty snack	1 bag			
chips	1 bag			
salsa	1 big tub (for breakfast burritos, too)			
choco covered esspresso beans	1 big big bag/tub! (medicine for any ailment)			
chocolate covered raisins	1 big bag/tub			
veggies and dressing	just a little (goes bad)			
Giant jar of pickles for Josie	1 ginormous jar all for me			
Jar of olives	1 jar			
Dip/spread for sammiches	1 jar			
Drinks				
Water	25 gallons			
soy coffee or chai from trader joe's	2 boxes (quarts)			
Vitamin waters	30 bottles (2 flats)			
V8 ish juice (salty!)	3 or 4 6 packs			
Superfood / green plant	1 big bottle			
gatorade powder	jar			
mike's hard lemonade frozen in plastic bottles!	1 six pack			
beer	4 six pack			
Hansen's soda	1 six pack			
Barry's tea	1 box			