



This is not an absolute list, so please feel free to add. There has also got to be a little due regard to breaking these rules, because breaking rules is fun.

Here it is the Weasel's Tips to the Virgin Burners:

- 1) 3 things you never forget to have on your person at all times. Water, Dust protection (goggles + mask), and a cup. Experience proves that the cup is the most important of the three.
- 2) Sunscreen, (Duh) BUT, just because everyone wears it does not mean you get to put it on every one. And ladies please don't forget the Girls! Nothing is going to wreck BM like a set of lobster red mammaries.
- 3) Coconut Oil is the best sunscreen! All natural and will make you look younger too.
- 4) Pictures, it is very important to ask first. Just because the guy is cross dressing in the most fabulous "sex in the city outfit", does not mean his boss in the default world will see it the same way. Pictures can end careers.
- 5) After 3 days of strait playa on your feet, they will crack and bleed. There are novels written on this topic. But if you wear something, often, and clean your feet, you should be able to walk after 7 days.
- 6) Walking in hot stiletto heels do not work out on the Playa. Although sex in hot stiletto heels works the same way as the default world.
- 7) Ear plugs if you want to sleep; condoms if you do not.
- 8) Water, I know Burning Man Survival guide says 1.5 gallons of water per person per day. Realistically it is 1 and even then, that is too much. The problem is never "we did not bring enough water", it is getting people to drink enough water. Hence the cup from #1. Everyone has water, you just need the cup to put it in. If I could add up the amount of fuel I wasted over 6 years of Burning man hauling out everyone else's 0.5 gallons of "extra" water off the playa, I would probably be able to fund the camp for a year.
- 9) You will lose weight, eat cheesecake every day baby! But no matter what, you will lose weight.
- 10) Bacon, it is crack for burners. Best gift ever. I will say it is the salt in the bacon that makes it soooooo..... Yea! Salt is the one mineral your body NEEDS. Usually in the default world, the diet of Americans is way over kill on the salt. But on the playa your body will be in hyper-drive processing water, it will literally wash out all the salt. Electrolytes = salt, same (go Gatorade). Those Cup O Noodles, roman salt bombs, that and 3 cups of water over 1 hour in the shade will fix any one.
- 11) If that don't fix ya, it going to be a double IV of saline water at the med tent. (and there still going to be making you drink water)
- 12) Drink water!
- 13) Piss Clear!
- 14) **Don't forget your ticket.** They won't let you in without it and nothings sucks more than figuring out a way to go back home to get it after the long haul.



- 15) It is 4,000 feet elevation. Yep, sorry you Colorado people you're going to have to drink more to get that buzz on. You sea level people, write your playa address on your arm, because you are getting hammered quick.
- 16) The Stakes for your tent are not big enough. Really. Think at least steel spikes 6 in to a foot long. Due to the high winds, tents are like kites and we watch them fly up with all your things still in it. You may find your belongings a mile away or someone else might, but most likely it will be covered in the sand. So rebar or 3/8 14 inch lag bolts for the experts.
- 17) Sew in fabric into the mosquito netting of your tent. That will cut down on the dust.
- 18) If you're a lazy ass like me, when you leave your tent close it. That will keep out the dust.
- 19) Or do it the "sparkle pony way"; sleep with the old creepy guy in the RV.
- 20) It gets cold. No shit, really, it does. I froze my ass of last year. Thermal layers, big fur coats, sleeping bags for cold weather. You don't want to go to bed because it's warmer there. Be prepared.
- 21) Hide your dam keys! (outside of your locked car, ya dolt!) and not in your pocket were there going to fall out at 2:30 and E-tard camp. (Where?!) \$250 on a locksmith which can take days is not fun.
- 22) Make triplicate copies of your car keys. (one to lose, one to hide, one to use).
- 23) Light your sorry ass at night. You only have to hit or be hit by a bike once to figure out that it hurts. Let's not go into being hit by an art car.
- 24) When I say "light your ass" I mean not with that head light on the forehead you use for the dishes, or reading a book. It blinds people and is excessively annoying.
- 25) Don't bring a book. (no shit really, I have seen people do it) Burning man is a place to be inspired to write a book, not read one.
- 26) Bikes, if you like to travel far. But think simple, already broken, and or cheap. Because you're just going to break it again. There is nothing more humorous then that guy with the 10k dollar mountain bike with a broken widget that no bike person has seen outside of China.
- 27) There is a good chance your bike will "disappear". Most of the time it is because you were to fucked up to remember where you left it. Or someone else was too fucked up to remember where they put theirs, so they got yours. Most of the time you just have to lock your bike to the point of a drunk person cannot ride. (stick in the spokes works well)
- 28) Every year we get 5 to 15 unwanted bikes and people ask for us to store them. There are three business in Reno that do well on unwanted bikes. Bikes at Burning Man are something of a burden, not a high theft "were taking it to a pone shop in Reno" item. No one "stole" it, I just don't want to hear it.
- 29) You could bring a tire repair kit, or just ride the rims. Playa does not hurt bike rims.
- 30) Bring Altoids - for kissing. It just tastes better then wet nap.
- 31) Use the empty Altoids tin for butts. I know you do not smoke, but it still is the no 1.



MOOP item out there. It is a gift. Either give it to the smoker or take their butt and put it in the tin.

- 32) Gifts: No one likes cheesy gifts like a glow stick with "love" painted on it. It not art, it is garbage. Services and Labor are a gift, the best gift you will ever give.
- 33) Wet naps make great gifts, providing you also provide a place to dispose of said wet nap.
- 34) Figure out a way to collect MOOP (garbage) 24/7. Pocket, bag, tin, purse, eat it..... Just pick it up.
- 35) Do not wear any clothing from "Frat Boy U". Nothing will shut down the creative gifting process like a frat boy. If you are into them or are one, try Daytona beach, on spring break. You will have a much better time.
- 36) Costumes, there best in the world out there. However, do not be a costume snob. Just because that artist just got done with his mega huge installation that took him a week of 14-hour day to build just did not have the time or could care less about what he is wherein. Remember not everyone is who they appear to be.
- 37) Except for that one guy in a police uniform, his "costume" is real. Ask him nicely to tell you all the stories of the really dumb burners that offered him drugs.
- 38) The "Stupid Tax", if you smoke pot in public and get a \$200 some odd dollar ticket. Well, you're stupid. Sorry. Something you're going to have to live with. The police came up with that term "Stupid Tax" Not me. Apparently, they also think you can do drugs without getting caught.
- 39) Too much food, yes you will bring too much food - everyone does. Cook for everyone in front of you and share so there are No leftovers. Wet garbage starts to stink. No leftovers, no wet garbage, get it?
- 40) No, rotting "Fresh" produce, is not a "gift". Easy on the produce. Apples last longer then lettuce, and Twinkies last forever! That Squirt cheese wiz in that can, that shit is just kinky!
- 41) The biggest impact Burning man has on the environment is trashing the highway to the burn. Mostly people cannot pack their car/trailer and they put their garbage on top of their car in a wimpy plastic trash bag. Where the 50-mph wind will carpet 200 miles of the road to Reno with Burning man garbage. Trust me it is ours, NOBODY else lives up there. I.e., when you pack your car, think about leaving extra space so you can get ALL your new gifts to the land fill.
- 42) IMPORTANT: The road from the highway has a very soft shoulder. Your car will get stuck. If your trying to pick up garbage from above. You will be calling a tow truck. Helping that cute girl stuck on the side of the road. You both will be calling AAA. You're better off calling for her when you have cell phone coverage.
- 43) Bring a tennis ball for your bike's kickstand so it won't sink into the Playa.
- 44) Put your keys on a necklace, and put a key in a hide-a-key on your vehicle.
- 45) An umbrella for keeping the sun off while walking around is awesome.
- 46) Rain boots in case it, well, rains. (No, I have never seen Rain boots out there you might



be the first – ED.) They work great to keep the mud off your feet. Unless you want the foot-high lift on your shoes from having the hard-compact mud stick to the bottom to create your new platform that weigh 50 pounds. Plastic bags or socks work surprisingly well in mud.

- 47) BUT, if it does rain hard you might be better off bringing a bucket so you can go number 2 in it, just in case you cannot make it to the porta-john.
- 48) Here is another note on rain, the Survival Guide says that you should not ride your bike in the rain. They say that because you cannot physically do it (try it, I dare you). You will also jack up your padded breaks pretty bad. Like rip the things right off the bike with the sticky mud. However, if you got one of those small BMX kid bikes it is total GAME ON! Have fun with that.
- 49) I do wear some heeled boots for dress-up time out there, but I also carry a Playabag" with comfy Keds and a change of socks in case the boots get to be too much.
- 50) Whomever invented bike baskets was a genius. Have one on your bike for your "Playabag".
- 51) What else is in my Playabag? Water, my cup, a non-melting snack, bling gifts, wet naps, sunscreen, a water squirt bottle (there is no better gift than a good squirt) and tissue. (my goggles and dust mask are already on my face ;-)
- 52) And Weasel is right, (mmmm They know me so well – Ed) bring a heavy coat! Yes, you might not need it, but much better to have in case it gets cold. My first year out was freezing and I had a big coat. People kept crawling into it with me, so there's that, too ;-)
- 53) The best daytime cloths are something wispy, cotton and light colored that covers your bod, like a long sleeve bathing suit cover-up. It keeps you cooler than no cloths, believe me. They are usually see-through so you can have fun with that.
- 54) The Indian Tacos fucking ROCK! I will give mustache rides to any one that brings me one.
- 55) Same goes for a double-double animal style from In and Out Burger, Reno. Exit 18 off I-80 in Sparks, NV. 280 Pyramid Way. (hint hint wink wink nudge nudge)
- 56) As far as the above goes, ya better be a girl, I am not into tea bagging.
- 57) Read the Dam Survival Guide! I even gave you a nice link for it. Last year's works. Believe me it does not change that much. <http://www.whiskeyanddust.com/Guidelines-Directions-Plans>
- 58) What have I missed?