

"Moving parts in rubbing contact require lubrication to avoid excessive wear. Honorifics and formal politeness provide lubrication where people rub together.

Often the very young, the untraveled, the naive, the unsophisticated deplore these formalities as "empty," "meaningless," or "dishonest," and scorn to use them.

No matter how pure their motives, they thereby throw sand into machinery that does not work too well at best."

--Robert Heinlein in "The Notebooks of Lazarus Long"

Statement of Purpose:

This list is intended to be about Burning Man community in New York. By providing an online gathering place we seek to nurture a welcoming creative community with the shared experience of Burning Man at its core. Just as there is no one "burning man experience" there is no one type of person that inhabits this list. Thus, our community is as complicated as it is creative. Through communication we hope not only to share information, but to continually discover the people who are attracted to the Burning Man experience and how they wish to bring this experience into Default Reality.

List Guidelines:

Most shared environments, the playa included, work best with simple guidelines to ensure basic safety. Here we seek to create an environment that is safe for creative expression, particularly that which will bring people together in collaborations and inspire more of the community-driven art & creativity that gives Burning Man so much of its vitality. While we understand that this covers a wide scope of issues, it does not include personal attacks or threats of any kind.

Before posting, please consider the following (based on a few of the 10 principles of the Burning Man project)

1. Radical Self Expression. This list is a place to express yourself. However, remember that email can be lousy at communicating nuance, which often creates misunderstandings. Please make an extra effort to help your expression be understood.
2. This list is a Community Effort. Are you helping to create an environment that values cooperation and collaboration?
3. Leave No Trace. Are you creating an email mess that many people will spend hours cleaning up?
4. Radical Inclusion. This list is a point of entry for people to participate in the year-round NYC Burning Man community. It is not a clique or a rarefied inner circle.

THE GUIDELINES:

1. List subscribers should assume responsibility for public welfare by communicating respectfully and using the list only for Burning Man topics that they believe will be of genuine interest to other subscribers. While discussion is a normal part of day-to-day discourse and healthy social interaction, this list is not a general-purpose chat-room. Please do not use it as such.
2. Flaming and threats of any kind are not permitted.
3. Off-topic posts are prohibited, however they may be tolerated due to the broadness of this list's mission. Off-topic posting is a PRIVILEGE rather than a right and excessive off-topic posting will not be permitted by the administrators.
4. Comments on the appropriateness, validity, spelling or grammar of another persons post are always OFF-TOPIC and not allowed. If you must comment on any of these things, you may email the list administrators at newyork-list-owner@burningman.com
5. The subject line of a message must be relevant to the content of a message. If a thread drifts away from the original topic, rename the thread. If the thread has drifted OFF-TOPIC, you must take it off list to private email.
6. Posting private emails to the list is NOT permitted without the permission of the author. Posting private email, either in whole or in part, with the intent or apparent intent to embarrass or otherwise cause harm is grounds for removal from the list.
7. Subscribers are responsible for anything and everything posted to the list from their email address unless there is incontrovertible proof that the message in question was forged or spoofed.
8. If you are asked to take further discussion to private email then you must do so.
9. Restrict your "me too" and private replies to private email. Do not send them to the list.
10. Discussion of illegal activities is prohibited.
11. Posting inappropriate material, including but not limited to racial slurs, invasions of privacy, slander or libelous remarks is grounds for immediate removal from the list.

12. Posts to the list should be in PLAIN TEXT format. HTML email makes the digest unreadable. Do not send attachments to the list, include a link instead.

13. Make an effort to be brief. Send a link rather than copying an entire article. Quote only the lines of a post you are responding to.

14. Don't hassle the list administrators. We are volunteers.

15. Attempts to poke holes in these rules for the purpose of proving you are smarter than the administrators will be scoffed at over cocktails.

Our posting guidelines are intended to create a warm and accepting community where individuals can bring their questions and ideas. The posting guidelines cannot cover every possible situation or unacceptable behavior. In the event that there is a disagreement with regards to what the guidelines state, intend, or otherwise cover, the decision of the administrators is final. Individuals who consistently refuse to abide by the decisions of the list-owners, harass the list administrators, or otherwise cause disruptions in the community after being asked to abide by the posting guidelines may have their posting privileges suspended or revoked.

POLICIES:

1. If an administrator finds you to have violated the list guidelines you will be switched to "moderate", which means that all of your posts must be approved by a list administrator. Every effort will be made to give you a warning and communicate with you about the problem, but this is a big list and warnings are purely at the discretion of the administrators. It is your responsibility to understand and comply with the rules of the list.

2. List members will be removed from moderate status at the administrators' discretion. Polite emails to the administrators requesting removal from moderate status will be considered.

3. If the member resumes unacceptable behavior after being removed from moderate status, their posting privileges will be suspended without warning.

Being moderated or suspended means your voice, not just your current email. Should someone be found to be posting under a newly subscribed email address, you will be permanently excluded from participation in this list.