

# Leave No Trace Policy



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Blazing Swan Incorporated

## 1 Purpose

Leave No Trace is one of the eleven principles that guide the annual Blazing Swan event.

This policy outlines the commitment of Blazing Swan Incorporated to environmental sustainability through the principle of Leave No Trace and how it intends to minimise the impact of the annual Blazing Swan event on the event site and broader environment.

## 2 Scope

This policy forms part of the Ticketing Terms and Conditions and applies to all attendees at the Blazing Swan event, including participants, crew and volunteers. It should be considered when planning for, during and after the event.

## 3 Policy Statement

It is the intent of Blazing Swan Inc. that the Blazing Swan event has as little negative impact on the environment as possible.

In order to Leave No Trace, the effects of our activities on the site and wider environment needs to be carefully considered. This is a collective responsibility of all attendees.

Blazing Swan Inc. will ensure the Leave No Trace principle is applied by implementing the following:

### 3.1 Advocacy and Communication

Blazing Swan Inc will ensure participants clearly understand their responsibility to manage their own waste as part of the conditions of their attendance. Guidelines and suggestions are provided through the Blazing Swan website and other communications such as the Survival Guide. This is also communicated through the Ticketing Terms and Conditions and upon arrival at the event.

Waste can also pose health and safety risks at the event and needs to be managed appropriately. Blazing Swan Inc will also ensure participants are provided with sufficient information to plan to manage their waste safely and effectively. Participants are encouraged to consider the full impact of their presence on the environment, from the rubbish they create to the disposal of the wastewater from their activities.

Theme camps are particularly susceptible to the impact of the behaviour of others on the waste generated at the location of their camps. Blazing Swan Inc provides information to Theme Camps to assist in the management of this waste and how to apply the Leave No Trace principle more generally, this can be found in the Theme Camp Survival Guide.

Burning art carries additional environmental impact considerations. Further information on how to choose materials and methods to limit the impact of fire on the environment is incorporated into the Art Installation Fires Guidelines.

### **3.2 Accountability**

Blazing Swan Inc will ensure that broader event management planning considers the Leave No Trace principle, specifically in the management of waste. Post event management plans will pay particular attention to the principle of Leave No Trace to ensure site clean-up is undertaken to high standards.

After the event Blazing Swan Inc will produce a MOOP (Matter Out Of Place) map to rate the effectiveness of site clean-up. This can be used to inform and develop strategies to improve Leave No Trace outcomes in subsequent years.

## **4 References**

- Blazing Swan Ticketing Terms and Conditions
- Survival Guide
- Leave No Trace Guidelines
- Theme Camp Survival Guide
- Art Installation Fires Guidelines
- Further information can be found on the website; [www.blazingswan.com.au](http://www.blazingswan.com.au)