



**YOUtopia 2025**

A 10 Principles Event: Participation, Communal Effort, Civic Responsibility, Radical Inclusion, Gifting, Civic Responsibility, Radical Self-Reliance, Leave No Trace, Immediacy, Decommodification

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## Art Car FAQ

YOUtopia wants to help you cruise around in style. Please read the information below carefully. There are a lot of new exciting additions this year!

The deadline for pre-event [Art Car Applications](#) is Friday, September 26, 2025 at 11:59pm.\*

\*If you have a large Art Car that requires special placement considerations, please apply ASAP!

\*\*YOUtopia will allow Art Car registration at the event, pending inspection and approval by our DMV and/or Safety Leads.

### ART CARS

#### Can I drive my vehicle around YOUtopia?

The only vehicles permitted to drive around the event are:

- Approved Art Cars
- Staff and Emergency Vehicles

Vehicle passes will be needed for all vehicles. When you arrive you can drive to your camp, or to drop off art and then to your camp. After that, your car must remain parked and away from camp frontages for the entire event. Keep in mind RV passes are needed for large vehicles.”

## What rules apply to driving Art Cars at YOUtopia?

- 5 mph or less AT ALL TIMES
- Yield to pedestrians and emergency vehicles
- The driver must be sober and licensed
- No open containers within reach of the driver
- All motorized vehicles must have pre-approved DMV Department approval

If you notice a vehicle driving improperly, please report it to a Ranger or YOUtopia Production crew member.

## What special rules apply to Art Cars at YOUtopia?

- **REGISTRATION:** Art Cars must receive pre-event authorization from the DMV Department and undergo an on-site inspection to drive on-site during the Event.
- **ART GRANTS:** Pre-Event authorization is required prior to applying for a YOUtopia Art Grant. **Grant applications will not be reviewed prior to registration.**
- **ART:** The Art Car must have sufficient decoration such that the vehicle is mobile art (plain golf carts are not a form of artistic expression).
- **SAFETY:** Load and unload passengers safely. Don't overload your vehicle. Drive with caution.
- **LIGHTS:** Nighttime operation requires radical illumination. Rear, front, and sides must be lit. All vehicle extremities must be lit. Anywhere someone would walk, step, or climb on the vehicle must be lit (especially stairs and ladders)
- **FIRE:** Absolutely **NO fire effects on Art Cars UNLESS** and until they've been approved by the Fire Safety team. A fire extinguisher **MUST** be on-board.
- **SOUND:** *Follow the noise level of the area you are travelling through, out of respect for the residents who have welcomed us to this event property.* If your vehicle is parked in front of a camp for any length of time, please turn down your volume as they may not appreciate your impromptu dance party. **(Multiple complaints will lead to revocation of your sound and or driving privileges)**
- **PARKING:** When parked you must leave a 15 foot wide fire lane for emergency vehicle access.

**Scooters, go-peds, non-radically decorated or altered vehicles will not be allowed\*.** We know how fun Art Cars can be and want you to have easy access getting around too! This is why we especially look for Art Cars able to carry passengers. Thank you for your understanding!

If your Art Car does not adhere to all of these rules, specifically pre-Event approval and on-site inspection by the DMV Department, your Art Car will be parked in an off-site lot and not allowed to be brought into the Event. Failure to follow the rules may result in the ejection of the car and owner from the Event.

\*except in cases where these devices are mobility aids

## **Any special advice for Art Cars?**

Contact us if you are concerned about your vehicle in this environment. Pay special attention to making sure your brakes and engine/transmission can handle the sometimes sandy terrain. There are certain areas of the venue with soft-sand, so be aware of your surroundings. Very large vehicles will need placement assistance to ensure there is safe parking during the Event. Space is limited so don't wait till the last minute to ask for large vehicle approval.

Part of the privilege of having an Art Car at YOUtopia is contributing to the event by sharing your Art with other participants. While we understand that it is not possible at all times, Art Car owners should make their transportation available to all YOUtopians and give rides to other participants where possible. Art Cars at YOUtopia are intended to be transportation and shuttling for YOUtopians throughout the venue.

Finally, know that if your vehicle breaks, it is your responsibility. The Production Team can help find volunteers to push your car out of the way or find a working phone so that you can call a tow truck, but that is about it.

## **I have more questions or want to bring my Art Car. Who do I ask?**

Please contact [content@sdyoutopia.com](mailto:content@sdyoutopia.com).

## **Okay, I'm ready to register. Where do I apply?**

Apply with the [2025 Art Car Application](#)!