

Tips for living

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Rules and Manners
for Living in Rental Housing or Apartments



It is important to know the differences between your country's customs and Japan's customs for you to live comfortably in Japan. Here are some general rules and manners to follow when living in a rented house or apartment in Japan

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Be Mindful of 騒音(noise)

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騒音 is noise in English. Apartment walls can often be thin, so it's important to be considerate of noise, especially late at night (around 10 PM to 7 AM). Avoid playing loud music or watching TV at high volumes or speaking loudly.

Refrain from using vacuum cleaners or washing machines, or slamming doors during late-night/early-morning hours.

If you live on an upper floor, be mindful of loud footsteps.



Proper Garbage Disposal

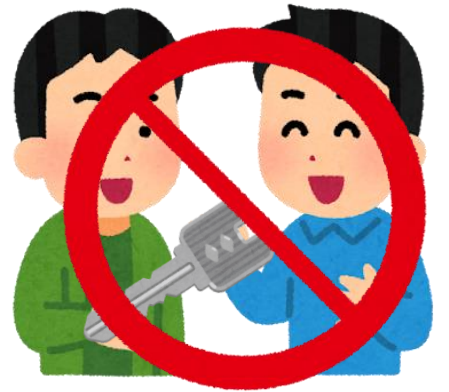
Garbage disposal rules vary depending on where you live. The garbage collection days and disposal methods may differ between apartments and single-family houses. Please check ① to ③ with your landlord or apartment management company.

- ① Garbage collection days and times
- ② The trash collection area
- ③ Garbage must be sorted correctly (e.g., burnable, non-burnable, recyclables)

You can obtain a pamphlet on how to separate and dispose of your garbage at the city office.

No Subletting or Unapproved Occupants

Rental Housing or Apartments are for the tenant(s) listed on the lease agreement. You cannot allow others (beyond occasional guests) to live with you or sublet the property without prior consent from the landlord or management company.



No Pets (Unless Permitted)

Most Japanese rental properties do not allow pets. Check your lease agreement carefully before getting a pet; violating this rule can lead to immediate eviction.



Seek Permission for Modifications

Do not paint walls, drill holes, or make any significant renovations or modifications to the property without the landlord's permission. You are generally expected to restore the property to its original condition when you move out .
(excluding normal wear and tear)



Keep Common Areas Clear

Hallways, stairs, and corridors are shared spaces and often serve as emergency evacuation routes. Do not leave personal belongings (bicycles, garbage, etc.) in common areas.



How to get along with your neighbors

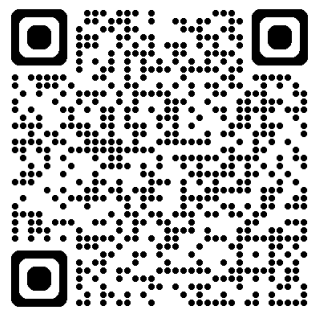
Say hello when you meet your neighbors. If you know your neighbors, you can ask for help when you're in trouble. Your neighbors can help you in case of an earthquake or fire. You can also help your neighbors.

**Beware
of
Bears!**

Some bears
don't hibernate



**Bear sighting
information**



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