

Living in apartments — Guide for foreign families —

- We would like to have your cooperation in considering Japanese customs and the comfort of your neighbors
- In Japan, there are many strict rules for taking out the trash
- Let's participate in the activities of your town association!

① Taking out the trash

- Please take out the trash on the designated day and time, to the designated place.
- Please sort your trash according to the rules.
- Please don't take furniture or other stuff home from the trash station.

• At the Okuwa Municipal Housing, the trash station for the student apartments have guidelines written in foreign languages.

② Housing rules in Japan

■ Common hallways

- Don't place stuff on the stairs or in the hallways. They need to be free in case of emergency evacuation.

■ Entrance hall

- Always take off your shoes. Wearing shoes inside stains the floor and makes more noise.

■ Toilet

- Never flush anything but toilet paper. It may clog the drains.

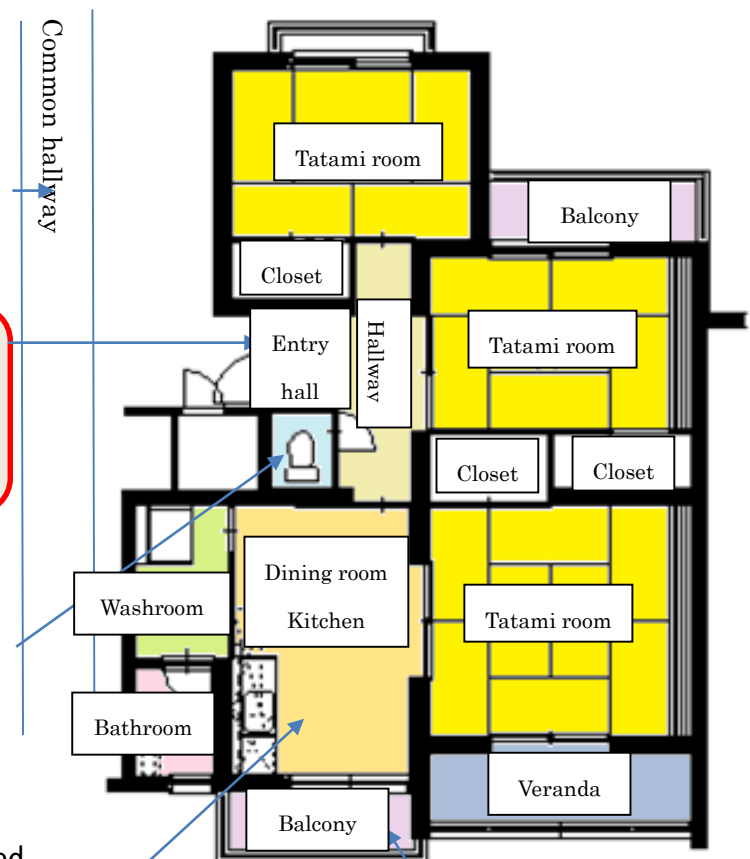
- If your neighbors incur damage caused compensate it.

■ Kitchen and dining room

- Don't wash away oil or food scraps. It may damage or clog the drains.

■ Balcony

- Do not place stuff on the balcony. It may fall down, or block the escape route in case of a fire.



② Living together in peace and quiet

- Elderly people can be very sensitive to noise.
- The walls of apartments aren't always very thick and may carry sounds. Please try to limit noise of bathing, home parties, music etc., especially in the early morning or late at night.

<Tips to prevent noise>

- Stick some felt pads under chairs and tables
- Lay a carpet to reduce noise from footsteps

Felt



④ Participating in town associations

- Role of town associations: to facilitate communication between residents, and to cooperate in case of emergency
- Please participate proactively in the town association activities. (cleaning activities etc.)

⑤ Moving out

- In the Okuwa Municipal Housing, it is your responsibility to take care of all trash and household items before moving out. City staff will come to check your apartment (bathtub, kettle, furniture, electronics, etc.)
- When throwing out things like furniture, you need the appropriate sticker to do so. Throwing out big items without a sticker is illegal.