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Important!

Living Guide for Foreign Residents in Bunkyo City (Rules and Manners)

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Rules and Manners for Daily Life

Please follow these daily life rules and manners to help everyone in the community live comfortably.

How to get along with your neighbors

- Greet your neighbors when you see them.
- When you move to a new place, introduce yourself to your neighbors.

Getting to know one another helps people support each other in times of emergency, such as fires or earthquakes.



[Neighborhood Associations]

Neighborhood associations are groups of people who live in the same area and work together to improve their community.

To make the neighborhood safe and comfortable, neighbors collect money and carry out the following activities:

- Share local information with residents
- Clean the neighborhood and conduct crime prevention patrols
- Hold disaster preparedness drills and community festivals

If you are interested in joining a neighborhood association, please check the website.



[Bunkyo City Website](#) → Neighborhood Associations ▶



Important things to know when living in apartments and condominiums

- Be mindful of noise in apartments and condominiums.

Do not speak loudly in your room, hallways, or on balconies. Do not play the TV or music at a high volume, and avoid making too much noise at parties.

- Do not sublet your room or allow additional people to live with you without permission.
- Do not paint the walls or floors, and do not make holes in the walls with nails.
- Do not leave personal belongings or garbage in hallways or stairways.
- Park bicycles only in designated bicycle parking areas.
- If you wish to keep pets, check the rules before renting the room.



[Other Important Rules]

- Do not sit in front of convenience stores or other shops to eat or drink items you have purchased.
- Do not flush anything other than toilet paper down the toilet. Please keep the toilet clean.
- Do not talk on the phone while riding trains or buses.
- Smoking is prohibited in public places and restrooms. Do not smoke while walking.

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How to Dispose of Trash

Trash disposal rules vary by neighborhood.

Sort your trash before disposal

When disposing of trash, sort it by type.

[Examples of Trash Categories]

Burnable trash	Kitchen garbage, paper scraps, tree branches, etc.
Non-burnable trash	Metal, glass, ceramics, small household appliances, etc.
Resources	Cans, bottles, Plastic bottles, newspapers, magazines, miscellaneous paper, cardboard, etc.
Plastics (recyclable)	Items with the ♻️ mark, and items made entirely of plastic with each side less than 30 cm in length (excluding PET bottles).



[Bunkyo City Website](#) → [Household Trash](#) ▶



Trash disposal on designated days and times

Put sorted garbage at the designated collection point by 8:00 a.m. on the designated collection day.

Collection days are determined by the type of garbage.

Putting out garbage the night before or late at night is prohibited.



Do not litter.

[Bunkyo City Website](#) → [Trash and Resource Collection Days](#) ▶



Disposing of large trash (approximately over 30 cm on one side) requires a fee

Large items such as furniture and bicycles are called large trash.

To dispose of large trash, you must apply in advance to the Large Trash Reception Center by phone or online. A fee is required.

The following items cannot be collected as oversized garbage: televisions, air conditioners, refrigerators, washing machines, personal computers, batteries, safes, motorcycles, and automobiles.



[Bunkyo City Website](#) → [How to Dispose of Large Trash](#) ▶



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Rules for Riding Bicycles

Bicycles are convenient, but there are rules you must follow to ride safely, just like when driving a car.

When you buy or receive bicycle

When you buy a bicycle, you must register it for theft prevention (bicycle registration).

If you register the bicycle at the shop where you bought it, a registration sticker will be attached to the bicycle.

If you purchase a bicycle online, go to a shop displaying the “Bicycle Registration Office” sign to complete the registration.

If you receive a bicycle from someone else, you must update the registration information.

Bicycle registration helps locate your bicycle if it is stolen.

Bicycle rules

Bicycles should ride on the left side of the roadway. You may ride on the sidewalk when there is a bicycle symbol marked on the sidewalk indicating that bicycle use is permitted, or when road conditions make it difficult to ride safely on the roadway, such as during construction or heavy traffic.

At railroad crossings, always stop before crossing and make sure no train is approaching.

- Do not ride with two people on one bicycle or ride side by side.
- Obey traffic signals. At intersections with a “Stop” sign, stop once come to a complete stop and check for safety.
- Turn on your light when it gets dark.
- Do not ride while holding an umbrella or using a mobile phone.
- Do not ride after drinking alcohol.
- Both adults and children should wear helmets.



[Bunkyo City Website](#) →

[Bicycle Safety Guidelines \[Rules\]](#)



[Bicycle Parking Lots and Left Bicycles](#)



[Removal of Left Bicycles](#)



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During Heavy Rain or Typhoons

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Preparing in advance before heavy rain or a typhoon arrives is very important. Be prepared for disasters such as heavy rain, typhoons, and earthquakes. Advance preparation is essential.



Think about what to do in the event of an earthquake, and check the locations of evacuation shelters in advance.

When you hear from the news or weather forecasts that heavy rain or a typhoon is approaching, continue to gather up-to-date information.



[Bunkyo City Website](#) →
[Disaster Information During Emergencies](#)



When heavy rain or a typhoon occurs

- Roads may become flooded and impassable, and rivers may overflow.
- Floodwater may enter the first floors or basements of houses and subway stations.
- Slopes may collapse, burying houses or people.
- Strong winds may blow off roofs and signboards, or knock down trees.
- Train services and electricity may be disrupted.

Evacuation during Heavy Rain and Typhoons

Evacuation means moving to a safe place during a disaster or when a disaster is likely to occur.

When a disaster may occur due to heavy rain or a typhoon, the city office issues evacuation information. When danger is approaching, be sure to evacuate to an emergency shelter or a safe place by Alert Level 4.



Evacuation information and required actions

Alert Level	Evacuation Information	Required Actions
Level 5	Emergency Safety Measures	Life-threatening situation. Immediately move to a safe place inside your current building or to a nearby safe building.
Be sure to evacuate by Alert Level 4.		
Level 4	Evacuation Instruction	Evacuate immediately from dangerous areas.
Level 3	Evacuation for Elderly and Others	Elderly people, children, and others who need more time to evacuate should evacuate. Other people should prepare to evacuate.
Level 2	Heavy Rain, Flood, and High Tide Advisory	Check evacuation routes and locations on the hazard map.
Level 1	Early Warning Information	Be aware of the possibility of a disaster and stay alert.

} Notice from the Japan Meteorological Agency

* Levels 1 and 2 are scheduled to be revised in May 2026.

[Bunkyo City Website](#) →
[Alert Levels and Specific Actions During Storm and Flood Disasters](#)



[Weather Information \(Typhoon Information\)](#)



[Disaster Prevention Maps and Various Hazard Maps](#)



Evacuation Shelter Map

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In the Event of an Earthquake

Think in advance about what to do if an earthquake occurs. Check the locations of evacuation shelters in advance.

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Earthquakes can occur at any time and in any place.

Continue to gather information through the news and announcements from the city office.

When a major earthquake is approaching, a loud alert called an Emergency Earthquake Warning will sound on mobile phones, televisions, radios, and other devices.

Inside a building or at home

- While the building is shaking, protect your head.
- After the shaking stops, open the entrance door and turn off any gas appliances.

When using an elevator

- Press all the elevator buttons and get off at the first floor where the elevator stops.
- If you are trapped in the elevator, press the emergency button.

When you are outside

- If you are walking on the street, protect your head with a bag or other item and move away from houses and buildings.
- If you are on a train, hold onto a handrail or strap to avoid falling.

When you are in a car

- Stop the car on the left side of the road and turn off the engine. Leave the car key in the vehicle and evacuate.

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Earthquake Evacuation

If your home becomes uninhabitable due to an earthquake, evacuate to an evacuation shelter. If your home is safe, you do not need to go to a shelter. This is called “stay at home.”

[Evacuation shelters]

Evacuation shelters are assigned based on where you live. They are public schools or city buildings and provide food, water, and other necessities.

Please follow the rules of the evacuation shelter and cooperate with others while staying there.

Evacuation shelter locations are marked with signs. Check in advance which evacuation shelter you should go to.

[Emergency evacuation areas]

Emergency evacuation areas are temporary safe areas, such as large parks or university campuses, where people can protect themselves from disasters like large fires.

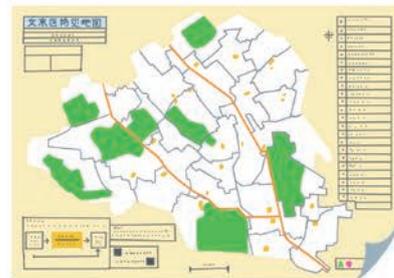


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During evacuation

Before evacuating, turn off the main electrical breaker and close the gas valve. Then walk to the emergency evacuation area or evacuation shelter.



Bunkyo City Disaster Prevention Map

[Bunkyo City Website](#) →

Evacuation Shelters and Emergency Evacuation Areas ▶



Participate in disaster preparedness drills

The city office holds disaster preparedness drills. Through these drills, you can learn what to do when a disaster occurs.

- Experience earthquake shaking
- Learn how to use a fire extinguisher
- Learn what items to prepare in advance for disasters

Disaster drills may also be held in your neighborhood or apartment building, so try to participate.



7 Preparation for Disasters

Prepare items needed for daily life during a disaster

- When a disaster occurs, electricity, gas, and water services often stop.
- Supermarkets and convenience stores may run out of supplies.

Prepare essential items for daily life during a disaster in advance.

Items to Prepare in Advance (At least a 3-day supply; 1 week is recommended)

Drinking water and food	Water (3 liters per person per day), emergency food (such as alpha rice), canned food, etc.
Daily necessities	Medicines, portable toilets, toilet paper, hygiene products, etc.
Useful items	Radio, pocket body warmers, wet wipes, etc.



Prevent injuries inside your home

- Secure large furniture to prevent it from tipping over.
- Apply shatter-resistant film to windows to prevent glass from scattering.
- Keep shoes near your bed so you can evacuate quickly.

[Bunkyo City Website](#) → Prepare for Disasters ▶



Contact Information and Consultation Services

If you would like information about consultation services for foreign residents
If you would like to consult with a specialist (*)



Bunkyo City Administrative Information Center
Resident consultations are available in foreign languages.



If you would like information about procedures and systems for living in Japan
If you would like to learn about rules and manners for daily life in Japan (*)



If you would like to know what to do during an earthquake, heavy rain, or a typhoon
If you would like to learn how to prepare before a disaster (*)



If you would like to study Japanese at a local class
If you would like to find useful websites for learning Japanese (*)



English Information on Events / For Foreign Residents
There are events that foreign residents and people who are not confident in Japanese can participate in.



International Exchange Event Information
Events and programs are held to promote international understanding among residents and to encourage mutual understanding and interaction between foreign residents and local residents. These events are open to all residents.



Guide to Living in Bunkyo City 2025 (Welcome to Bunkyo City)
This guide provides information on various city services and is available in four languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean.



Bunkyo City Newsletter – Multilingual E-book Edition “Catalog Pocket”
This service provides automatic translation from Japanese into English, Chinese, Korean, and many other languages, making the newsletter accessible to residents who are not comfortable reading Japanese.



(*) Tokyo Intercultural Portal Site (TIPS)