

Welcome to Kobe City's Chuo Ward!



Here at the Chuo Ward, we're working on making our communities easier and more comfortable for all residents to live in.



Getting along with your neighbors

In Japan, there are some important rules you should follow so you can live in harmony with those around you.

★Points to keep in mind

- **Greet** your neighbors when you see them
- **Refrain** from being loud when at home
(Especially early in the morning and at night)
- **Follow** the garbage disposal rules



The areas you put your garbage out for collection (i.e. clean stations) are managed with the help of residents. If the rules aren't properly followed, the garbage it is not collected and everyone is inconvenienced.

- **Park** only in designated spaces

It is prohibited to park bicycles and motor vehicles outside of designated parking spaces. Bicycles found parked illegally will be affixed with a warning sticker. If the bicycle continues to be left there for an extended period of time, it will be confiscated. (Bicycles that have been confiscated will be kept in a storage facility and can be returned once a storage fee has been paid.)

The rules may be different from your home country but please do your best to learn them!

About local organizations

Each area has a local organization comprised of residents (neighborhood councils, homeowner's associations etc.). They work on keeping the roads and parks clean, managing clean stations, organizing disaster prevention drills, running summer festivals, as well as working on other community related tasks. Foreign residents are also welcome to participate in these organizations.

