

HOUSE

Bath- Since everyone uses the same bath water, soap yourself outside the tub and rinse before getting into the bath.

Wooden Japanese baths need care. They should be allowed to dry out between baths. Last person to take a bath empties it and wipes it dry with a towel.

Windows - All windows especially upstairs roof windows should be shut in heavy rain. Whoever is in at the time is responsible for checking this.

General - Everyone is responsible for cleaning their own room and doing their washing. Other rooms used by everyone, in particular the kitchen should be kept tidy.

Gas - Gas smell indicates gas is running out. When stove no longer lights, change to new gas bottle. (outside house on corner) Close empty bottle, (screw top of bottle plus tap at entrance of pipe). Open new bottle (same in reverse).

Boiler - (a) When boiler makes a beeping noise it indicates the solar system is lacking water. (b) When it makes a clacking noise it indicates the oil has run out. In case of (a) attach hose pipe to tap in sink, while water is running attach to opening at bottom of boiler. Open tap quickly. When beeping stops close tap and remove hose. Turn off water tap. In case of (b) tell Liz.

Electricity - Sometimes electricity shuts off in thunderstorm. This may be a general power cut in the area in which case the electricity will return after a while or it may be just this house. Check fuse boxes in any case. There are two of these. (a) House/kennels/barn circuit. Fuse box on wall of bathroom. (b) Office. Fuse box is in small office upstairs on the wall. If main switch is off, push it up to ON.

Telephone - Even local calls are quite expensive in Japan, avoid making outward calls. If you make an international call from the fax machine please note date, time and country called.

On-going work.

Bathing animals

De-fleaing

Brushing

Kennel cleaning - Lifting out boxes, vacuuming or sweeping thoroughly.

Newspaper shredding.

Tidying barn/office/ etc:

Weeding yard.