

Your Apartment

- No AETs rent furniture or appliances. They purchase them.
- The vast majority of you will be given brand new apartments which will contain nothing but perhaps a futon bed roll. In the past departing AETs left their furnishings which were distributed to the new AETs but most have opted to sell their old items because they need the money before they fly out.
- In some cases, the AETs already in Japan may have spare items, like futon beds for example, which they may lend to the new AETs, but expect to be returned when the new AETs buy their own.
- The apartments typically have a few furnishings, and some might have many. Your "sempai AETs" in Japan will make sure that the apartments of arriving new AETs are furnished with a bed, at minimum.
- In fact, they will divvy-up whatever furniture/goods are left behind by departing AETs among the arriving AETs' apartments.
- They also prepare care-baskets in each apartment that contain some basic necessities like handsoap, toilet paper etc. In many cases, apartments come equipped with a handful of things.
- Yours for instance, in addition to having a bed, might come with a bookcase, a kitchen table, a washing machine, a TV, a kitchen appliance/storage rack with tableware, plastic storage containers for clothing and some small appliances (a hair-dryer, an iron and ironing board etc.).
- However, some AETs moved into apartments far less furnished, some even without window curtains.
- Most new arrivals will have some shopping for furniture/appliances to do once they come to Japan.
- Most AETs had spread their shopping out over the course of a few months. There are very good recycle-shops (the likes of Goodwill/Salvation Army stores) that offer clean, quality and sometimes new merchandise, everything from clothing to furniture, at bargain prices. AND they deliver at very reasonable rates.