



Comparative Cooling Strategies in Japan and the US

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Housing Characteristics Matter

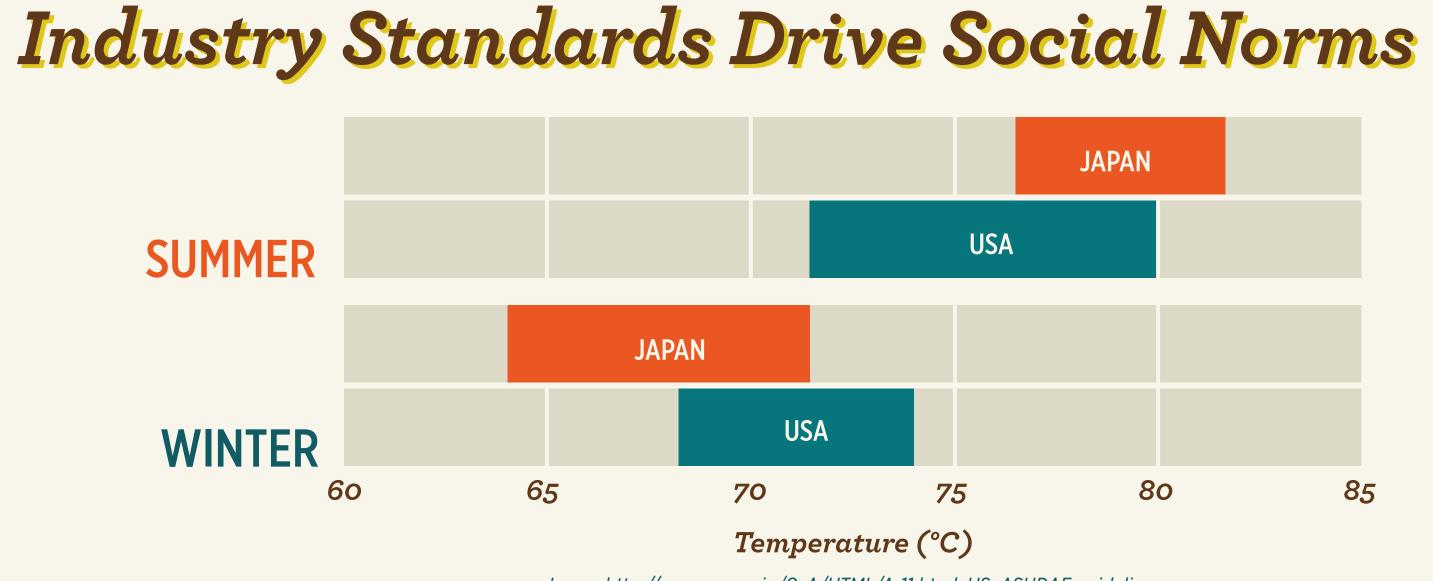
Central Cooling

Common A/C units in the US are designed to cool the entire home simultaneously, even rooms that are unoccupied. This leads to greater energy use than localized cooling solutions.

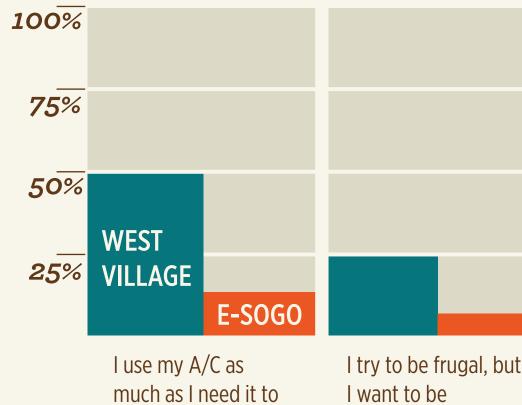
AVERAGE SIZED HOME IN USA



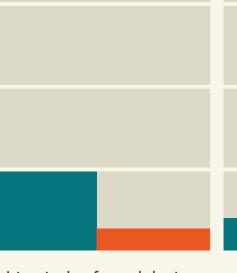
- >> Education and Awareness
- >> Commitment
- >> Social norms
- >> Reminders
- >> Environmental Altruism



I like to be comfortable but...



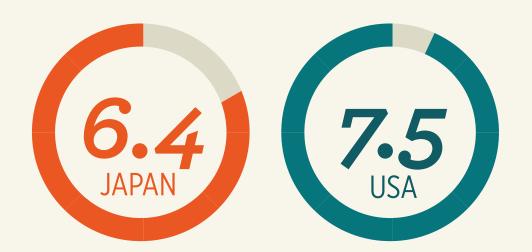
be comfortable.



comfortable too.

I try to use my A/Cas little as possible.







Common A/C units in Japan are designed for single room cooling. Some of these devices even detect where the occupant is in the room and controls the air to flow directly at the occupant.

AVERAGE SIZED HOME IN JAPAN

Japan: http://www.crecer.jp/Q-A/HTML/A-11.html; US: ASHRAE guidelines

kWh per square foot (single family) nationwide average for Japan and US.

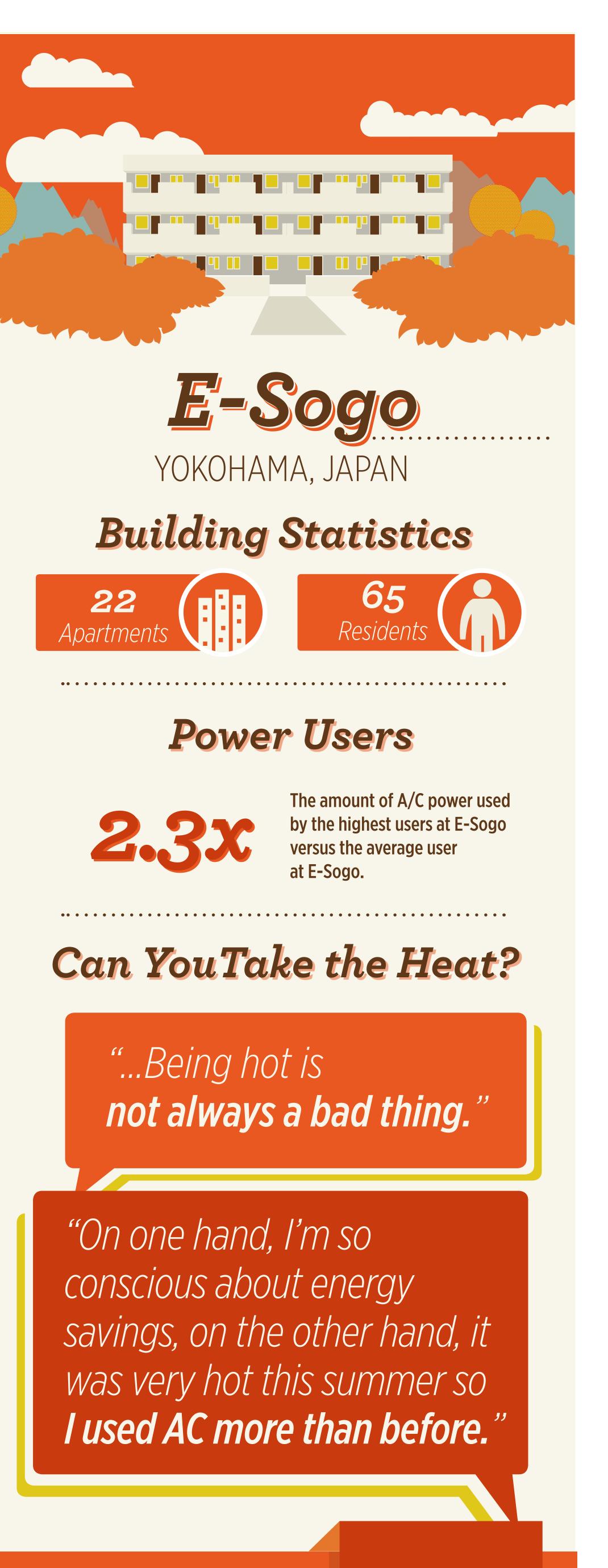
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Impact of Intervention



of participants used passive cooling instead of A/C more often than before. (N=11)

STUDY RESULTS $\star \star \star \star \star$

ENERGY

SAVINGS