

This section summarizes the timeline of events which Okuma residents have had since the day the earthquake occurred.

Major Events

March 11, 2011

- The Tohoku earthquake occurred
- The first to third boiling water reactors automatically stopped at The Fukushima-1 plant. All the electricity was gone, too.

March 12, 2011

- An evacuation order was issued in Okuma and all the residents started to evacuate to Tamura City
- Okuma nuclear emergency response office was established.
- Hydrogen explosion occurred at the first boiling water reactor.

March 14, 2011

- Hydrogen explosion occurred at the third boiling water reactor.

March 24, 2011

- The Okuma website was opened to share the emergency information.

April 3, 2011

- The residents were further evacuated to Aizu.

April 5, 2011

- The Okuma Town satellite office was established in Aizu.

April 6, 2011

- Started cooperating with the Aizuwakamatsu municipal government

April 16, 2011

- Established the kindergarten, elementary and junior high schools for Okuma residents in Aizuwakamatsu City

April 22, 2011

- Okuma, which is located within 20 km-radius around the plant, was set up as an evacuation zone.

May 8, 2011

- The temporary access to the area for the purpose of the public interest was allowed.

May 10, 2011

- The Okuma residents received donations by the Japanese and prefectural governments

June 1, 2011

- Fortnightly town magazine was issued.

June 2, 2011

- Allowed the residents to pick up their own cars left in town

June 3, 2011

- 1st meeting for Okuma Recovery Plan

June 4, 2011

- The Residents were allowed to visit their homes temporarily.

June 21, 2011

- Started to move to temporary housing

July 24, 2011

- Okuma joint memorial service

July 29, 2011

- Started 1st discussion sessions for evacuated Okuma residents

August 26, 2011

- Temporary visits to homes in the evacuation zone which is within 3 km-radius around the plant were allowed.

September 16, 2011

- Opened the off-site center to support elderly people in Aizuwakamatsu.

September 22, 2011

- Started examining internal radiation

September 23, 2011

- Made temporary visits to homes by their own car

October 11, 2011

- Opened the Okuma branch office in Iwaki
- Opened a nursing home for elderly people with dementia in Aizuwakamatsu

October 31, 2011

- Made a draft plan for Okuma recovery

November 18, 2011

- Started a pilot decontamination program

January 17, 2012

- The first meeting for Okuma recovery plan was held

March 11, 2012

- The ceremony to mark the first anniversary for the Tohoku earthquake

March 30, 2012

- Officially announced the first draft plan for Okuma recovery

May 11, 2012

- Questionnaire was administered to Okuma residents

August 25

- Started 2nd discussion sessions for evacuated Okuma residents

September 7, 2012

- Questionnaire was administered to Okuma residents

September 21, 2012/12/29

- Made the first recovery plan for Okuma

October 1, 2012

- Restructured Okuma government

December 10, 2012

- Review the evacuation zone and its re-categorization into three different areas