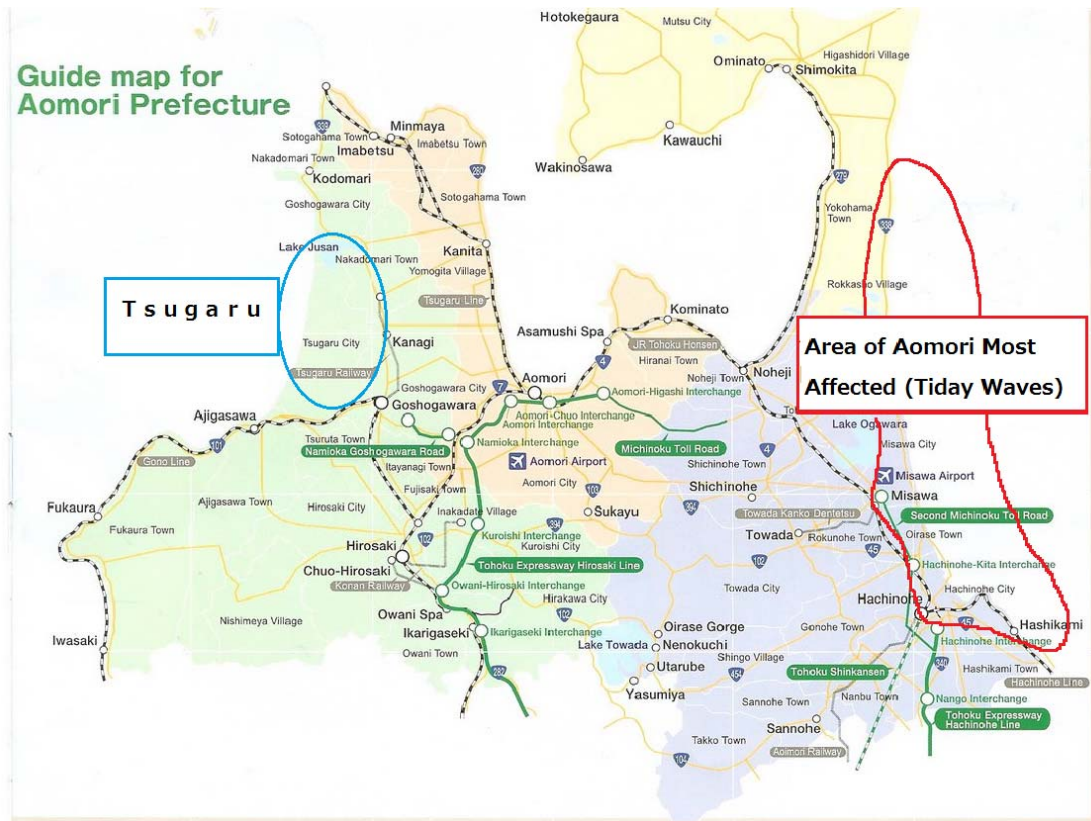


The Effects of the 2011 Earthquake on Aomori and Tsugaru



Deaths and Injuries (As of March 24)

	In Tsugaru	In Aomori Prefecture
Deaths	0	3 (Hachinohe-1 and Misawa-2)
Missing people	0	1 (Hachinohe)
Serious Injury	0	6 (Hirosaki-3, Hachinohe-2, Oirase-1)
Light Injury	0	37 (Hirosaki-12, Hachinohe-11, Misawa-1, Fujisaki-4, Oirase-2, Sannohe-1, Gonohe-5, Nanbu-1)

Damage to Houses (As of March 24)

	In Tsugaru	In Aomori Prefecture
Houses Fully Destroyed	0	262 (Hachinohe-218, Misawa-17, Oirase-21, Hashikami-6)
Houses Half Destroyed	0	480 (Hachinohe-457, Misawa-1, Oirase-8, Hashikami-14)
Houses with Water Damage (Above Floor Level)	0	1,664 (Hachinohe-1,600, Misawa-15, Oirase-43, Hashikami-6)

There is no doubt that the current earthquake had caused a lot of damage to Japan, with over 9,000 dead and over 12,500 missing (as of March 22). Taking those numbers into consideration, Aomori was lucky (See the tables above). And we in Tsugaru were extremely lucky with absolutely zero damage.

From the news in the United States, it is hard to tell how we in Tsugaru are doing, but we are doing well. While we did have a gasoline shortage, gasoline is currently being brought in the prefecture. The grocery stores are fully stocked. Everyone is safe and sound.

Tsugaru has been more or less normal since early last week. To give you some personal insight into the atmosphere of Tsugaru, I taught my English night class as scheduled on Wednesday night, and all the participants came (See pictures on the next page).

We are so lucky to have all of your support, and are so moved by everything you are doing to help Japan. We are also really excited to be moving along with plans to host Bath residents and to visit Bath ourselves. Thank you again!

March 25, 2010



Here are pictures from my English class! We're learning English that is handy for traveling!



Tsugaru and the Fukushima Power Plant



The Fukushima Nuclear Plant is in the news every day, and some of you may be wondering how it is affecting Tsugaru. The prefecture measures radiation levels at 20 different locations throughout Aomori currently levels are the same as a normal year, and we expect them to stay that way. We are extremely far from the nuclear power plant.

Current Evacuation Zones

Japanese government	30 kilometers (18 Miles)
American government	80 kilometers (49 Miles)