



**For Northeast Kansas
As of 5:00 a.m. CST
Tuesday, November 17, 2009**

Current Weather Forecast:

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka Metro Area

Today: A chance of rain and snow before 10am, then a chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 41. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of rain or drizzle. Cloudy, with a low around 34. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

There is no winter weather advisory in effect at this time.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Today: Periods of rain. High near 39. North wind between 13 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of rain or drizzle. Cloudy, with a low around 37. North northwest wind between 8 and 13 mph. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Winter Weather Advisory

The National Weather Service in Kansas City/Pleasant Hill has issued a winter weather advisory for snow...which is in effect until 8 am CST this morning for the following counties: Miami-Leavenworth-Wyandotte-Johnson KS-Platte-Clay-Ray-Jackson-Lafayette.

As of 3:30 am...National Weather Service radar indicated a band of light to locally moderate snow falling across the Kansas City metro area...as well as adjacent Ray and Lafayette counties. A steady light snow is expected to continue through the morning rush hour...although may occasionally mix with rain in areas of lighter precipitation.

Main impact: although temperatures will remain just above freezing...locally moderate snowfall rates could result in minor snow accumulations early this morning...especially on bridges and overpasses. An inch or two of accumulation is possible on grassy surfaces. Precipitation should change back to rain later this morning as the intensity diminishes.

Current Road Conditions

KDOT crews are monitoring conditions and will treat (with sand/salt mixture), if needed, and/or plow snow/slush accumulation in those counties (primarily Kansas City Metro Area) affected by the current winter weather storm. Due to the warm roadway temperatures, there is not much need for treating the roadways as much of the snowy precipitation melts quickly on the roadway surface. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.

Driver Safety Tips

For travel throughout today, drivers should use caution, allow plenty of driving time, and be sure to turn on their headlights, and turn off their cruise control. Drivers should also provide for a safe distance or cushion between themselves and vehicles ahead of them.

We also want to remind drivers to stay a safe distance back from KDOT snow plows, and if drivers should pass the snow plows, to be extra careful and allow plenty of room as the trucks do travel slower than surrounding traffic.

COUNTY/METRO AREA	CURRENT ROAD CONDITION	New Update Yes/No
KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Wet/Slush	No
Atchison County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Brown County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Doniphan County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Douglas County	Wet/Slush	Yes
Jackson County	Wet/Slush	No
Jefferson County	Wet/Slush	No
Lyon County	Wet/Slush	No
Marshall County	Wet/Slush	No
Nemaha County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Osage County	Wet/Slush	No
Pottawatomie County	Wet/Slush	No
Riley County	Wet/Slush	No
Wabaunsee County	Wet/Slush	No

Current Road Closures

No road closures to report at this time.

Updated Road Conditions (via phone or online 24/7)

Updated Kansas road conditions are at your fingertips. Simply by calling 511 from any phone (landline or cellular), or by clicking on the following link: <http://511.ksdot.org>, drivers can obtain updated all of Kansas road conditions at **anytime, day or night.**

Additional weather-related information can be found online at <http://www.ksdot.org/offTransInfo/511Info/511traffictravel.asp>. This KDOT web site link includes informational brochures on 511 Winter Storm Survival, Managing Snow and Ice on Kansas Highways, and Safe Winter Driving Tips. Drivers...“If the weather is bad, remember with ICE AND SNOW, Take it Slow, or just don’t go.”

Media Outlets

For more information and/or to schedule an interview (live/pre-recorded), you can reach me 24/7 on my cell phone at (785) 640-9340 (early morning/overnight, evenings, and weekends included).

Thanks for your continued support! Be safe...remember...don’t text & drive!

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