



For Northeast Kansas
as of 6:00 a.m. CST
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
(UPDATES)

Current Weather Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Today: A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 18. Wind chill values between -2 and -12. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around -5. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 26. Wind chill values between -1 and -11. Calm wind becoming west between 5 and 10 mph.

Winter Storm Warning for Lyon County valid until 10:00 AM CST this morning. <http://bit.ly/5Ko5iL>

Winter Weather Advisory for Franklin/Osage County valid until 10:00 AM CST this morning. <http://bit.ly/5Ko5iL>

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Today: A chance of snow before noon. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 18. Wind chill values between -9 and 1. Northwest wind between 7 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 2. Wind chill values between -10 and zero. West wind between 6 and 8 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 25. Wind chill values between -3 and -13. West southwest wind between 8 and 13 mph.

No watches/warnings/advisories in place at this time.

Current Road Conditions

Currently roadway conditions across Northeast Kansas range from spots to completely snowpacked throughout the entire region. *See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual Northeast Kansas counties.*

Nighttime crews have been out overnight plowing the continued falling snow off the roadways. They have currently plowed back all mainlines and are now working on the ramp areas. Crews are only spot treating currently (salt or salt/sand mix). They plan to treat all roadways in the early morning hours (8-9 a.m. timeframe in metro areas) to hopefully begin some melting with sun and/or increase in traffic.

During the early morning commutes, drivers should still allow extra time, drive for the conditions on the roadways they are travelling on, and use caution as roadways will be SLICK in spots due to the frigid temps.

COUNTY/METRO AREA	CURRENT ROAD CONDITION
KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)	Partly to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice
Atchison County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice
Brown County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice
Doniphan County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice

Douglas County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice
Jackson County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice
Jefferson County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice
Lyon County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Marshall County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Nemaha County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice
Osage County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Pottawatomie County	Mostly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Riley County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Wabaunsee County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice

Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

No closed roads at this time.

Driver Safety Tips

Please remind DRIVERS as they travel about to:

1. Take it SLOW!
2. Allow plenty of extra drive time.
3. Watch for icy/slick spots on the roadway; don't assume that if the pavement looks clear, that it is.
4. Buckle up every passenger, every time.
5. If they get stranded, to stay IN their vehicle and call *47 on a state highway/interstate route (any highway that begins with I-, K-, and US-), *KTA on the Kansas Turnpike, or #911 at anytime.

For travel during winter storms, drivers should use caution, allow plenty of driving time, buckle up (every passenger, every 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.

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

Updated Kansas road conditions are at your fingertips. **KanDrive** is the new online travel info portal, www.KanDrive.org, that displays information from KDOT's traveler information technology, including highway cameras, dynamic message signs, traffic management centers and 511 phone, online and mobile (<http://511mm.ksdot.org>). Snapshots from more than 30 closed-circuit cameras along I-70 between Topeka and Colorado and along other highways in the state, as well as camera views from the KC Scout system are available through the new online site, so users can see the roadway conditions.

Travelers can also obtain updated road conditions 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, don't text & drive. Know B4 U Go!

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