



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 3:30 a.m. CST
Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

Current Weather Forecast:

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Overnight: A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 9. Wind chill values between -4 and -9. Blustery, with a northwest wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday: Areas of blowing snow before noon. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 14. Wind chill values between -3 and -11. Blustery, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 0. Wind chill values between -6 and -11. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Winter Weather Advisory

The National Weather Service in Topeka has issued a winter Weather Advisory for blowing snow, which is in effect until 6 am CST Wednesday. The winter storm warning has been cancelled.

Additional accumulations of snow will be less than an inch.

Winds will increase and become northwesterly at 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph tonight causing blowing snow.

Impacts...the strong winds and light snow could reduce visibilities to around a mile and wind chill values will drop into the minus 5 to minus 10 degree range.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Overnight: Snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 11. Wind chill values between -4 and 1. Blustery, with a northwest wind around 26 mph, with gusts as high as 38 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Wednesday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny and cold, with a high near 15. Wind chill values between -3 and -8. Blustery, with a west northwest wind between 17 and 26 mph, with gusts as high as 38 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 4. Wind chill values between -3 and -8. West wind between 7 and 16 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.

Winter Weather Advisory

Miami-Johnson KS-Chariton-Randolph-Jackson-Lafayette-Saline-Cass-Johnson MO, including the cities of: Paola...Overland Park...Olathe...Salisbury...Keytesville...Moberly...Kansas City...Independence...Lexington...Concordia...Marshall...Raymore...Harrisonville...Pleasant Hill...Warrensburg.

The National Weather Service in Kansas City/Pleasant Hill has issued a Winter Weather Advisory which is in effect until 6 am CST Wednesday, December 9.

Another band of snow is expected to wrap back across east central Kansas and west central Missouri late Tuesday evening and early Wednesday morning. An additional 1 to 2 inches of snow is possible before it ends before sunrise.

In addition to the snow, blowing snow and bitterly cold wind chills are expected late tonight into Wednesday as strong northwesterly winds of 25 to 35 mph overspread the region. The blowing snow may greatly reduce visibilities, creating even more dangerous driving conditions. Temperatures will fall through the teens into the single digits Wednesday night with wind chill readings below zero.

Current Road Conditions

Precipitation has moved out of Northeast Kansas. However, the winter weather storm has now brought the area plenty of strong winds resulting in lots of blowing snow and freezing temperatures. KDOT crews continue to treat (with sand/salt mixture) and plow roadways throughout all of Northeast Kansas.

ROADWAYS ARE AGAIN SNOWPACKED THROUGHOUT ALL OF NORTHEAST KANSAS. DRIVERS NEED TO USE CAUTION AS THEY TRAVEL ABOUT ON WEDNESDAY, AS ROADWAYS WILL BE SLICK AND ICY DUE TO THE OVERNIGHT FREEZING AND BLOWING CONDITIONS.

Driver Safety Tips

For travel throughout today, 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.

| COUNTY/METRO AREA | CURRENT ROAD CONDITION | New Update Yes/No |
|--|---|----------------------|
| KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties) | Spots Snowpacked to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice | Yes |
| Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County) | Partly to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice | No |
| Atchison County | Completely Snowpacked/Ice | No |
| Brown County | Completely Snowpacked/Ice | No |
| Doniphan County | Completely Snowpacked/Ice | No |
| Douglas County | Mostly Snowpacked/Ice | Yes |
| Jackson County | Completely Snowpacked/Ice | No |
| Jefferson County | Completely Snowpacked/Ice | No |
| Lyon County | Spots Snowpacked/Ice | Yes |
| Marshall County | Completely Snowpacked/Ice | No |
| Nemaha County | Completely Snowpacked/Ice | No |
| Osage County | Spots to Completely Snowpacked/Ice | Yes |
| Pottawatomie County | Completely Snowpacked/Ice | No |
| Riley County | Completely Snowpacked/Ice | No |
| Wabaunsee County | Mostly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice | 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/511traffictavel.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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