



For Northeast Kansas  
4:00 a.m. CST  
Friday, February 5, 2010

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### Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

None at this time.

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### Current National Weather Service Forecast

#### **Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area**

**Overnight:** Snow, possibly mixed with freezing drizzle. Areas of freezing fog. Low around 31. East wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Little or no ice accumulation expected. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

**Friday:** Snow, mainly before noon. High near 34. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

**Friday Night:** Scattered flurries. Cloudy, with a low around 28. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

#### **WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY**

**REPUBLIC-WASHINGTON-MARSHALL-NEMAHA-BROWN-CLOUD-CLAY-RILEY- POTTAWATOMIE-JACKSON-JEFFERSON-OTTAWA-DICKINSON-GEARY-MORRIS-WABAUNSEE-SHAWNEE-DOUGLAS-LYON-OSAGE-FRANKLIN-COFFEY-ANDERSON-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...MARYSVILLE...HIAWATHA...CONCORDIA...CLAY CENTER...MANHATTAN...ABILENE...JUNCTION CITY...TOPEKA...LAWRENCE...EMPORIA...OTTAWA**

**A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL NOON CST TODAY.**

\* TIMING...LIGHT TO AT TIMES MODERATE SNOW WILL CONTINUE ACROSS THE AREA...THEN SLOWLY DISSIPATE FROM WEST TO EAST LATE THIS MORNING.

\* SNOW ACCUMULATIONS...ADDITIONAL SNOW ACCUMULATIONS OF AROUND ONE INCH ARE EXPECTED ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL KANSAS...WITH 1 TO 3 INCHES OF SNOW EXPECTED ACROSS NORTHEAST AND EAST CENTRAL KANSAS BY THIS AFTERNOON. LOCALLY HIGHER AMOUNTS ARE POSSIBLE.

\* IMPACTS...UNTREATED ROAD SURFACES MAY BECOME SNOW PACKED AND OR SLICK THROUGH THE MORNING HOURS.

**Precautionary/preparedness actions...a winter weather advisory for snow means that periods of snow will cause primarily travel difficulties. Be prepared for snow covered roads and limited visibilities...and use caution while driving.**

#### **Greater Kansas City Metro Area**

**Overnight:** Snow. Low around 31. East northeast wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

**Friday:** Periods of snow. High near 34. Northeast wind between 6 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.

**Friday Night:** A chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 27. North wind between 9 and 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%

### **WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY**

**ATCHISON KS-MIAMI-LINN KS-DONIPHAN-LEAVENWORTH-WYANDOTTE-JOHNSON KS-ATCHISON MO-NODAWAY-WORTH-GENTRY-HOLT-ANDREW-DE KALB-BUCHANAN-CLINTON-PLATTE-CLAY-RAY-JACKSON-LAFAYETTE-CASS-JOHNSON MO-BATES-HENRY-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...ATCHISON...PAOLA...MOUND CITY...TROY...LEAVENWORTH...OVERLAND PARK...OLATHE...TARKIO...MARYVILLE...GRANT CITY...ALBANY...STANBERRY...OREGON...SAVANNAH...CAMERON...ST. JOSEPH...PLATTSBURG...PARKVILLE...PLATTE CITY...WESTON...LIBERTY...EXCELSIOR SPRINGS...RICHMOND...KANSAS CITY...INDEPENDENCE...LEXINGTON...CONCORDIA...RAYMORE...HARRISONVILLE...PLEASANT HILL...WARRENSBURG...BUTLER...RICH HILL...CLINTON.**

### **WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY FOR SNOW REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 PM CST FRIDAY.**

\* LOCATIONS...AREAS IMPACTED BY THIS WINTER STORM INCLUDE ALL OF NORTHEASTERN KANSAS...NORTHWEST AND WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI INCLUDING THE CITIES OF MOUND CITY...PAOLA...ST. JOSEPH...TARKIO...AND THE KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN AREA.

\* TIMING...INTERMITTENT LIGHT SNOW WILL PREVAIL TONIGHT ALONG AND NORTH OF THE ST JOSEPH AREA. THE SNOW WILL INCREASE IN INTENSITY AFTER 200 AM AND CONTINUE INTO FRIDAY. ELSEWHERE...INTERMITTENT LIGHT DRIZZLE...FREEZING LIGHT DRIZZLE AND LIGHT SNOW WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 4 AM WITH TEMPERATURES EXPECTED TO HOVER AROUND FREEZING. AFTER 4 AM... THE SNOW WILL GRADUALLY INCREASE IN INTENSITY AND CONTINUE THROUGH FRIDAY. LITTLE IF ANY ACCUMULATION OF ICE IS EXPECTED TONIGHT. SNOW WILL TAPER TO FLURRIES BY FRIDAY EVENING.

\* SNOW ACCUMULATIONS...ACCUMULATIONS THROUGH THE OVERNIGHT HOURS WILL BE AN INCH OR LESS. AN ADDITIONAL 1 TO 2 INCHES OF SNOW IS EXPECTED ON FRIDAY. STORM TOTAL SNOWFALL OF 1 TO 3 INCHES MAY BE POSSIBLE BY FRIDAY AFTERNOON WITH ISOLATED POCKETS OF 4 INCHES.

\* IMPACTS...SURFACE AIR TEMPERATURES WILL HOVER AROUND FREEZING TONIGHT WITH SOME SLICK SPOTS ON ROADWAYS...ESPECIALLY ON BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES. EXTRA CAUTION SHOULD BE USED WHILE TRAVELING TOWARDS DAYBREAK AND ESPECIALLY THROUGH FRIDAY AS ROAD AND OTHER SURFACES MAY BECOME VERY SLUSHY ONCE MORE PERSISTENT SNOW ARRIVES.

**Precautionary/preparedness actions...a winter weather advisory for snow means that periods of snow will cause primarily travel difficulties. Be prepared for snow covered roads and limited visibilities...and use caution while driving.**

### **Current Road Conditions**

**Road conditions currently vary from normal seasonal to spots to mostly to completely snowpacked/ice throughout the western and northern counties in Northeast Kansas. In those counties where snow has accumulated on the roadways (including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area), crews are plowing and treating (salt or salt/sand mixture) on bridges/overpasses/ramp areas as needed. Roadways are becoming slick in those counties where the new snow is accumulating on the roadways. *See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.***

**Highways, including mainline lanes, ramp areas, bridges and overpasses, are becoming slick due to the snowpacked/ice conditions in those NE Kansas counties affected by the new snowfall. Drivers need to use caution, take it slow and allow for extra time during the early morning commute.**

## 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 this winter storm, 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 OVERALL ROAD CONDITIONS	New Update Yes/No
KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Wet/Slush	Yes
Atchison County	Wet/Slush to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Brown County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Doniphan County	Wet/Slush	Yes
Douglas County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Jackson County	Wet/Slush to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jefferson County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Lyon County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Marshall County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Nemaha County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Osage County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Pottawatomie County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Riley County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Wabaunsee County	Normal Seasonal Conditions to Completely Snowpacked/Ice (I-70 only)	Yes

## Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

No closed roads to report.

## 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](http://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/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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