



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 5:30 p.m. CST
Sunday, December 27, 2009**

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

Oklahoma

ODOT crews clearing ice from driving lanes first. Some ramps still rough.

For OKC, Tulsa and statewide highway construction information, visit the OKDOT traffic advisory website at:
<http://ow.ly/P4tf>

Nebraska

Some roads in eastern NE are still closed due to drifts - be patient - drive carefully as temps drop and surface water refreezes.

Continue to check conditions at 511 phone (800-906-9069) and allow extra time for travel.

Current Weather Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 13. West wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 30. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 2. North wind around 5 mph.

There are no active winter weather advisories in effect at this time.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low around 17. West northwest wind between 8 and 10 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 29. Northwest wind between 9 and 13 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 0. Wind chill values between -5 and -10. Northeast wind between 5 and 8 mph.

There are no active winter weather advisories in effect at this time.

Current Road Conditions

Road conditions have greatly improved throughout the day in all of Northeast Kansas. Most roads have returned to normal seasonal conditions while others are only spots snowpacked/ice. Many area roadways have returned to normal seasonal conditions, so there will be no need for staff overnight in those areas. In those areas where there is still some spots snowpacked, there may be smaller crews kept on overnight. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.

Driver Safety Tips

Please remind DRIVERS if they must 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 with 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 throughout the remainder of the day, 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	Yes
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Wet/Slush to Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Atchison County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice to Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Brown County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice to Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Doniphan County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice to Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Douglas County	Wet/Slush to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jackson County	Wet/Slush to Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Jefferson County	Wet/Slush to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Lyon County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Marshall County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Nemaha County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice to Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Osage County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Pottawatomie County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Riley County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Wabaunsee County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes

Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

There are no road closures to report for Northeast Kansas.

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

Updated Kansas road conditions are at your fingertips. **New!! 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/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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