



For Northeast Kansas
as of 7:00 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 2, 2010

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

No current updates available at this time.

Current National Weather Service Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Rest Of Tonight...Chance of light snow early in the evening... Then light snow. Snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches. Lows around 7 above. Northeast winds around 5 mph.

Sunday...Very cold. Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of light snow. Highs around 15. Northeast winds around 5 mph.

Sunday Night...Bitterly cold. Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Lows around 2 above. North winds 5 to 10 mph. Wind chill readings as cold as 9 below.

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

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Tonight...Periods of snow. Snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches. Very cold. Lows around 9. East winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 80 percent. Wind chill readings around 4 below.

Sunday...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Storm total snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches. Very cold. Highs around 15. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Lowest wind chill readings around 3 below in the morning.

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

Current Road Conditions

Snow has begun falling throughout some northeast Kansas counties and primarily is just blowing across the roadways at this point in time. KDOT crews are out monitoring conditions and are treating and plowing in those areas where snow is accumulating on the roadways.

KDOT crews are currently only treating where slick spots are occurring, mainly on bridges/overpasses, as in these areas the snow is not blowing off the roadway, but instead blowing up against a barrier. Due to the extremely cold temperatures, crews will be cautious in treating and will only treat as needed for the current conditions.

Roadways may become slick due to the new snow, so drivers should use caution and take it slow while driving overnight and into the early morning hours. *See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.*

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 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 overnight and into the early morning hours tomorrow, 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)	Wet/Slush (JO) to Spots Snowpacked/Ice (LV/WY)	Yes
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Atchison County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Brown County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Doniphan County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Douglas County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Jackson County	Partly to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jefferson County	Wet/Slush	No
Lyon County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Marshall County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Nemaha County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Osage County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Pottawatomie County	Normal Seasonal Conditions to Completely Snowpacked/Ice (K-16 only)	Yes
Riley County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Wabaunsee County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No

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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