



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 8:30 p.m. CST
Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

Current Weather Forecast:

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Tonight: Snow before midnight, then areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow after midnight. Low around 9. Wind chill values between -9 and 1. Windy, with a north wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

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 Storm Warning

Marshall-Nemaha-Brown-Riley-Pottawatomie-Jackson-Jefferson-Geary-Morris-Wabaunsee-Shawnee-Douglas-Lyon-Osage-including the cities of...Marysville...Hiawatha...Manhattan...Junction City...Topeka...Lawrence...Emporia.

Winter storm warning now in effect until 6 am CST Wednesday, December 9.

Accumulations: storm total amounts commonly from 7 to 12 inches with locally 15 inches along and north of a line from Herington to Oskaloosa; 4 to 9 inches south of a line from Herington to Oskaloosa.

Winds: will increase and become northwesterly at 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph this evening...causing blowing and drifting snow...low visibilities and dropping wind chill values into the minus 5 to minus 20 degree range.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Tonight: Snow before midnight, then widespread blowing snow and a slight chance of snow after midnight. Low around 14. Wind chill values between -5 and 5. Blustery, with a northwest wind between 18 and 26 mph, with gusts as high as 37 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Wednesday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 16. Wind chill values between -6 and zero. Blustery, with a west northwest wind between 17 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 37 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 for snow and sleet...which is in effect until 6 am CST Wednesday, December 9.

For areas along and southeast of a Kansas City to Marshall to Moberly line. Skies should remain generally cloudy overnight with a few patches of light snow or flurries possible. Little to no accumulation is expected. Dry air will likely limit precipitation during the day Tuesday as well...with areas of light snow or drizzle expected. Temperatures should warm to around freezing by afternoon but some freezing drizzle may be possible during the morning resulting in a few slick spots.

The greatest impact along and south of the Missouri River will likely occur Tuesday night as snow overspreads the area ahead of an approaching strong storm system. Snow may be briefly heavy during the evening hours, but accumulations will be limited by the forward speed of the storm. Areas from Kansas City to Marshall may see 2 to 4 inches of snowfall during the evening...with amounts increasing further north and west and decreasing toward the south and east.

After the transition back to snow, blowing snow and bitterly cold wind chills are expected late Tuesday night into Wednesday as strong northerly 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

Snow and/or sleet continues to fall on and off throughout Northeast Kansas. Snow has fallen again in many Northeast Kansas counties and roadways have become slick and/or icy due to the added precipitation and dropping temperatures.

Snowfall amounts vary throughout the Northeast Kansas area, anywhere from 2 inches up to 13 inches the further north you head, and the snow fall totals may increase in some areas throughout the evening on Tuesday.

KDOT crews will continue to treat (with sand/salt mixture) and plow roadways throughout Tuesday evening and overnight into Wednesday. KDOT’s daytime crews have headed home to rest while the nighttime crews are hitting the road to continue treating and plowing throughout the overnight hours.

KDOT ADVISES DRIVERS TO STAY HOME THIS EVENING AND STAY OFF THE ROADWAYS, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IF YOU MUST GET OUT, PLEASE FOLLOW THE DRIVER SAFETY TIPS LISTED BELOW.

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)	Wet/Slush to Spots 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	Wet/Slush	No
Jackson County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Jefferson County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Lyon County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Marshall County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No

Nemaha County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Osage County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
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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