



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 9:30 p.m. CST
Monday, December 7, 2009**

Current Weather Forecast:

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka Metro Area

Tonight: Snow, mainly after midnight. Low around 22. East wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Tuesday: Snow. The snow could be heavy at times. High near 31. East wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of 3 to 7 inches possible.

Winter Weather Advisory

Marshall-Nemaha-Brown-Riley-Pottawatomie-Jackson-Jefferson-Geary-Wabaunsee-Shawnee; including the cities of...Marysville...Hiawatha...Manhattan...Junction City...Topeka.

The National Weather Service in Topeka has issued a winter storm warning for heavy snow which is in effect from midnight tonight to 6 am CST Wednesday.

Timing: snow is expected to develop in central Kansas after midnight early Tuesday morning and spread eastward. Periods of moderate snowfall are expected to continue through Tuesday night.

Accumulations: preliminary estimated accumulations of 6 to 9 inches near Interstate 70 and up to 9 to 13 inches for counties along the Nebraska border.

Winds will increase and become northerly at 20 to 30 mph on Tuesday night and will cause blowing snow in the overnight hours.

Impacts: snowfall rates may become heavy Tuesday afternoon and evening with quick accumulations making travel more treacherous. Strong north winds in snow may also exacerbate travel conditions overnight Tuesday night.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Tonight: Snow likely, mainly after midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 25. East wind between 7 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Tuesday: Snow before noon, then snow and sleet. High near 33. East wind between 10 and 17 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow and sleet accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.

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 from midnight tonight to 6 am CST Wednesday.

A major winter storm is expected to impact a large portion of the central and eastern plains. This storm will initially bring snow to advisory area and as warmer air aloft works into the system a mix of rain...snow and possibly sleet is expected.

Snowfall is expected to develop along and south of Missouri River late tonight spreading eastward Tuesday morning. The snow may be heavy at times during the morning hours, however by Tuesday afternoon warm air aloft will lead to a mix of rain...snow and possibly sleet. This wintry mix will persist through late Tuesday evening. As cold air works into the system a quick west to east transition back to snow is expected.

Accumulations of 2 to 4 inches of snow are expected in the advisory area with higher amounts confined to the vicinity of Missouri river. At this time little if any sleet accumulation is expected.

After the transition back to snow significant blowing snow is possible 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.

Current Road Conditions

KDOT crews are monitoring both weather and road conditions. Once the precipitation begins to fall, KDOT crews will hit the roadways and begin treating (with sand/salt mixture) as needed, and/or plow snow accumulation in those counties affected by the current winter weather storm. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.

Driver Safety Tips

For travel throughout today, drivers should use caution, allow plenty of driving 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)	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Normal Seasonal Conditions	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	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Jefferson County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Lyon County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Marshall County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Nemaha County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Osage County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Pottawatomie County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Riley County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Wabaunsee County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	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/511traffictravel.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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