



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 12:00 p.m. (Noon) CST
Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

Current Weather Forecast:

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

This Afternoon: Sunny, with a high near 14. Wind chill values between -2 and -7. Blustery, with a northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 0. Wind chill values between -5 and -10. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 22. Wind chill values between -1 and -11. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 7. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

There are no Winter Weather Advisories in place at this time.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

This Afternoon: Partly sunny and cold, with a high near 13. Wind chill values between -5 and zero. Blustery, with a northwest wind between 17 and 21 mph, with gusts as high as 32 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 2. Wind chill values between -3 and -13. West wind between 9 and 16 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 23. Wind chill values between -3 and -13. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 9. Wind chill values between -1 and 4. West southwest wind between 6 and 8 mph.

There are no Winter Weather Advisories in place at this time.

Current Road Conditions

Precipitation has moved out of Northeast Kansas. However, the winter weather storm has brought the area plenty of strong winds resulting in lots of blowing/drifted snow and freezing temperatures. KDOT crews continue to treat (with sand/salt mixture) and plow roadways throughout all of Northeast Kansas.

Kansas City Metro Area Update: Johnson County - Highways are wet/slush to spots snowpacked – all lanes are visible; Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties – Highways are mostly snowpacked – driving lane may be visible in most cases.

Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area Update: Highways are mostly snowpacked; driving lane may be visible in most cases.

Majority of the area highways continue to be snowpacked across all of Northeast Kansas, and accidents continue to occur. As snow melts on the highway surface, the extreme cold temperatures, gusting winds, and blowing snow keep re-creating icy/slick spots on the roadway pavement. Despite KDOT crews continued efforts to treat and plow the roadways, the extreme cold and gusting winds can refreeze a wet spot on the roadway in no time at all.

Please remind DRIVERS as they travel about today 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.

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 OVERALL ROAD CONDITIONS	New Update Yes/No
KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)	Wet/Slush to Spots Snowpacked (JO Co) to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice (LV/WY Co)	No
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Wet/Slush 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	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Jackson County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Jefferson County	Drifting	No
Lyon County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice & Drifting	No
Marshall County	Spots to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Nemaha County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Osage County	Spots to 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/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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