



For Northeast Kansas
as of 6:30 a.m. CST
Wednesday, December 30, 2009

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

No updates at this time.

Current National Weather Service Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Today: Snow likely, mainly before 9am. Cloudy, with a high near 35. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Total daytime snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Tonight: A slight chance of flurries before 9pm. Cloudy, with a low around 17. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 26. North wind around 10 mph.

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

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Today: Snow, mainly before noon. High near 34. South southwest wind between 8 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Total daytime snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Tonight: A slight chance of snow before midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 20. South southwest wind 7 to 9 mph becoming northwest. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 24. North northwest wind between 8 and 11 mph.

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

Special Weather Statement (National Weather Service)

MIAMI-LINN KS-LEAVENWORTH-WYANDOTTE-JOHNSON KS-PLATTE-CLAY-RAY- CARROLL-JACKSON-LAFAYETTE-SALINE-CASS-JOHNSON MO-PETTIS-COOPER-BATES-HENRY-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...PAOLA...MOUND CITY...LEAVENWORTH...KANSAS CITY KS...OVERLAND PARK...OLATHE...PARKVILLE...PLATTE CITY...WESTON...LIBERTY...EXCELSIOR SPRINGS...RICHMOND...CARROLLTON...KANSAS CITY...INDEPENDENCE...LEXINGTON...CONCORDIA...MARSHALL...RAYMORE...HARRISONVILLE...PLEASANT HILL...WARRENSBURG...SEDALIA...BOONVILLE...BUTLER...RICH HILL...CLINTON.

...LIGHT TO MODERATE SNOW WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SUNRISE...

Light to occasionally moderate snow will continue through at least sunrise. Through this time 1 to 2 inches of snow is expected with a few locations seeing up to 3 inches. This may cause slick road conditions during the morning commute so motorists are urged to use caution. After sunrise...up to another half inch of snow is possible.

Current Road Conditions

Snow has been falling throughout most of the southern/western half of northeast Kansas overnight and continues to flurry in spots during the early morning hours. KDOT crews have been out plowing and treating (salt or salt/sand mixture) in those areas where snow was accumulating on the roadways since approximately midnight. Shift changes will take place within the next two hours, as daytime crews take over so that overnight crews can head home to rest up.

Roadways may be slick in spots due to snowpacked conditions, so drivers should use caution, take it slow and allow extra time for driving during their early morning commutes. *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 to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Wet/Slush to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Atchison County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Brown County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Doniphan County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Douglas County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Jackson County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Jefferson County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Lyon County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Marshall County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Nemaha County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Osage County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Pottawatomie County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Riley County	Partly to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Wabaunsee County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice, except for I-70 Spots Snowpacked/Ice	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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