



**For Northeast Kansas
As of 8:30 p.m. CST
Monday, November 16, 2009**

Current Weather Forecast:

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka Metro Area

Tonight: Snow. Low around 32. North wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Tuesday: A chance of rain and snow before noon, then a chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 41. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Winter Weather Advisory

A Winter Weather Advisory remains in effect until 6 am CST Tuesday, November 17 for the following counties: REPUBLIC-CLOUD-CLAY-JEFFERSON-OTTAWA-DICKINSON-GEARY-MORRIS-WABAUNSEE-SHAWNEE-DOUGLAS.

Rain and snow will persist across the advisory area tonight through Tuesday morning. Snow accumulations of 1 to 2 inches are possible before sunrise Tuesday.

Periods of snow will cause some travel difficulties. Be prepared for snow covered roads and limited visibilities...and use caution while driving.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Tonight: Rain and snow. Low around 33. North wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Tuesday: Rain and snow likely, becoming all rain after noon. Cloudy, with a high near 38. North wind between 13 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

There is no winter weather advisory in effect at this time.

Current Road Conditions

KDOT crews are currently out treating (with sand/salt mixture) and plowing 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 the remainder of this evening/overnight, 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)	Wet/Slush	Yes
Atchison County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Brown County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Doniphan County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Douglas County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Jackson County	Wet/Slush	Yes
Jefferson County	Wet/Slush	Yes
Lyon County	Wet/Slush	Yes
Marshall County	Wet/Slush	Yes
Nemaha County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Osage County	Wet/Slush	Yes
Pottawatomie County	Wet/Slush	Yes
Riley County	Wet/Slush	Yes
Wabaunsee County	Wet/Slush	Yes

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...remember...don’t text & drive!

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