



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 6:00 a.m. CST
Tuesday, January 11, 2011**

Current Weather Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Today: Areas of blowing snow. Mostly sunny, with a high near 15. Wind chill values between -4 and -11. Blustery, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around -2. Wind chill values between -8 and -16. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 13. Wind chill values between -7 and -17. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wind Chill Advisory

NEMAHA-BROWN-POTTAWATOMIE-JACKSON-JEFFERSON-WABAUNSEE-SHAWNEE-DOUGLAS-LYON-OSAGE-FRANKLIN-COFFEY-ANDERSON-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...HIAWATHA...TOPEKA...LAWRENCE...EMPORIA...OTTAWA

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN TOPEKA HAS ISSUED A WIND CHILL ADVISORY...WHICH IS IN EFFECT FROM 10 PM THIS EVENING TO NOON CST WEDNESDAY.

* WIND CHILL VALUES...WIND CHILLS WILL RANGE FROM MINUS 15 TO MINUS 20 DEGREES TUESDAY NIGHT INTO WEDNESDAY MORNING.

* IMPACTS...PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO EXTREME WIND CHILLS WILL RESULT IN FROST BITE AND CAN LEAD TO HYPOTHERMIA IF PRECAUTIONS ARE NOT TAKEN.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...EXPOSED SKIN CAN SUFFER FROM FROSTBITE IN A VERY SHORT TIME...SO DRESS ADEQUATELY. BE SURE TO WEAR LAYERED CLOTHING...A HAT...AND GLOVES TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE DANGERS OF FROSTBITE.

PETS ARE ALSO SUSPECT TO COLD WEATHER. KEEP PETS INDOORS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE...MAKE SURE OUTDOOR PETS HAVE WARM DRY SHELTER...AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FOOD AND FRESH UNFROZEN WATER.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Today: Areas of blowing snow. Mostly sunny, with a high near 17. Wind chill values between -2 and -7. West northwest wind between 14 and 18 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around -1. Wind chill values between -8 and -17. West northwest wind between 11 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and cold, with a high near 15. Wind chill values between -8 and -18. West northwest wind between 8 and 13 mph.

Wind Chill Advisory

ATCHISON KS-MIAMI-LINN KS-DONIPHAN-LEAVENWORTH-WYANDOTTE-JOHNSON KS- INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...ATCHISON...PAOLA...MOUND CITY...TROY...LEAVENWORTH...OVERLAND PARK...OLATHE.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN KANSAS CITY/PLEASANT HILL HAS ISSUED A WIND CHILL ADVISORY...WHICH IS IN EFFECT FROM 10 PM THIS EVENING TO NOON CST WEDNESDAY.

* THIS ADVISORY INCLUDES ALL OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN MISSOURI AS WELL AS ADJACENT EASTERN KANSAS.

* THE COMBINATION OF TEMPERATURES IN SINGLE DIGITS ABOVE ZERO TO SINGLE DIGITS BELOW ZERO AND BLUSTERY WINDS WILL CREASE DANGEROUS WIND CHILLS TONIGHT INTO WEDNESDAY MORNING.

* WIND CHILLS OF 15 TO 20 BELOW ZERO ARE EXPECTED ACROSS THE REGION FROM LATE THIS EVENING AND CONTINUING THROUGH WEDNESDAY MORNING.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...A WIND CHILL ADVISORY MEANS THAT VERY COLD AIR AND STRONG WINDS WILL COMBINE TO GENERATE LOW WIND CHILLS. THIS WILL RESULT IN FROST BITE AND LEAD TO HYPOTHERMIA IF PRECAUTIONS ARE NOT TAKEN. IF YOU MUST VENTURE OUTDOORS...MAKE SURE YOU WEAR A HAT AND GLOVES.

Current Road Conditions

Currently roadway conditions across Northeast Kansas vary from wet/slushy in Wyandotte County only to partly or completely snowpacked/icy throughout remaining counties. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual Northeast Kansas counties. Blowing and drifting snow, along with very cold temps, are what crews will deal with today.

KDOT nighttime crews have been plowing and treating overnight with salt or sand/salt mixture as needed. Crews are treating roadways again in advance of this morning's commutes. Nighttime crews will head home around 8:00 a.m. and daytime crews will head out shortly thereafter.

Drivers should allow extra time for their morning commutes and drive for the conditions on the roadways they are travelling on. Roadways may be SLICK due to the snowpacked/icy conditions, so drivers need to use caution.

COUNTY/METRO AREA	CURRENT ROAD CONDITION
KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)	Wet/Slush to Partly Snowpacked/Ice
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Wet/Slush to Partly Snowpacked/Ice
Atchison County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice
Brown County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice
Doniphan County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice
Douglas County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Jackson County	Spots to Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Jefferson County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice
Lyon County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Marshall County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Nemaha County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice
Osage County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Pottawatomie County	Drifting to Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Riley County	Spots to Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Wabaunsee County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice

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 IN 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 during winter storms, 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.

Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

No closed roads to report at this time.

Updated Road Conditions (via phone or online 24/7)

Updated Kansas road conditions are at your fingertips. **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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