



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 8:30 a.m. CST
Monday, January 10, 2011
(UPDATED)**

Current Weather Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Today: Snow. High near 26. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total daytime snow accumulation of 3 to 5 inches possible.

Tonight: Snow before midnight, then areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow after midnight. Low around 9. Wind chill values between -7 and 3. Blustery, with a north wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Tuesday: Areas of blowing snow. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 14. Wind chill values between -3 and -9. Northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Winter Weather Advisory

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

The Winter Weather Advisory is now in effect until 6 am CST Tuesday.

TIMING...SNOWFALL WILL CONTINUE TODAY. THE SNOWFALL WILL BEGIN TO TAPER OFF LATE MONDAY NIGHT.

TOTAL SNOW ACCUMULATIONS...SNOW ACCUMULATIONS OF 4 TO 6 INCHES WITH LOCALLY HIGHER AMOUNTS ARE POSSIBLE.

WINDS...WINDS WILL GENERALLY BE FROM THE EAST AT 5 TO 15 MPH AND SHIFT TO THE NORTHWEST MONDAY EVENING AND INCREASE WITH GUSTS AROUND 25 MPH.

IMPACTS...THE SNOWFALL WILL MAKE TRAVELING DIFFICULT. BLOWING SNOW COULD BECOME MORE OF A PROBLEM MONDAY NIGHT AND TUESDAY MORNING.

Precautionary/preparedness actions...a winter weather advisory for snow means that periods of snow will cause primarily travel difficulties. Be prepared for snow covered roads and limited visibilities...and use caution while driving

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Today: Snow. High near 27. East northeast wind between 7 and 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total daytime snow accumulation of 3 to 5 inches possible.

Tonight: Snow before midnight, then snow likely and areas of blowing snow after midnight. Low around 15. North northwest wind between 6 and 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Tuesday: Areas of blowing snow and a slight chance of snow before noon, then areas of blowing snow after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 18. Northwest wind between 13 and 16 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Winter Weather Advisory

ATCHISON KS-MIAMI-LINN KS-DONIPHAN-LEAVENWORTH-WYANDOTTE-JOHNSON KS-ATCHISON MO-NODAWAY-WORTH-GENTRY-HARRISON-MERCER-HOLT-ANDREW-DE KALB-DAVIESS-BUCHANAN-CLINTON-PLATTE-CLAY-JACKSON-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...ATCHISON...PAOLA...MOUND CITY...TROY...LEAVENWORTH...OVERLAND PARK...OLATHE...TARKIO...MARYVILLE...GRANT CITY...ALBANY...STANBERRY...BETHANY...PRINCETON...OREGON...SAVANNAH...CAMERON...GALLATIN...JAMESPORT...ST. JOSEPH...PLATTSBURG...PARKVILLE...PLATTE CITY...WESTON...LIBERTY...EXCELSIOR SPRINGS...KANSAS CITY...INDEPENDENCE

A Winter Weather Advisory remains in effect until 6 am CST Tuesday.

LOCATION...ALL OF EASTERN KANSAS AND PORTIONS OF NORTHERN THROUGH WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI INCLUDING THE ENTIRE KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN AREA AS WELL AS MARYVILLE...ST JOSEPH...AND GALLATIN.

SHORT TERM TRENDS...THE MOST PERSISTENT SNOWFALL HAS BEEN ALONG AND WEST OF THE INTERSTATE 35 CORRIDOR...WHERE BETWEEN ONE AND THREE INCHES OF ACCUMULATION HAS BEEN REPORTED. RADAR TRENDS INDICATE LIGHT TO MODERATE SNOW INCREASING IN AREA...WITH AN ADDITIONAL ONE TO THREE INCHES OF SNOW ANTICIPATED ACROSS THE ENTIRE ADVISORY AREA THROUGH THE MORNING HOURS.

TIMING...THE LEADING EDGE OF THE PRIMARY AREA OF SNOW OVER EASTERN KANSAS HAS SHIFTED INTO ALL OF WESTERN MISSOURI EARLY THIS MORNING. THE SNOW WILL PERIODICALLY CONTINUE THROUGH TONIGHT BEFORE TAPERING OFF FROM WEST TO EAST ON TUESDAY MORNING.

TOTAL SNOW ACCUMULATIONS...SNOW ACCUMULATIONS OF 5 TO 8 INCHES ARE LIKELY ACROSS EASTERN KANSAS...NORTHWEST AND WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI. ISOLATED HIGHER AMOUNTS ARE POSSIBLE THROUGH PORTIONS OF NORTHWEST MISSOURI.

IMPACTS...SNOW TOTALS OF THIS MAGNITUDE...DESPITE FALLING OVER 24 TO 36 HOURS...WILL MAKE DRIVING DIFFICULT AND POTENTIALLY TREACHEROUS.

OTHER IMPACTS...AS WINDS INCREASE BEHIND THE STORM SYSTEM UESDAY MORNING BLOWING AND DRIFTING OF SNOW WILL BECOME A PROBLEM.

Precautionary/preparedness actions...a winter weather advisory for snow means that periods of snow will cause primarily travel difficulties. Be prepared for snow covered roads and limited visibilities...and use caution while driving.

Current Road Conditions

KDOT crews continue to plow the accumulating snow and spot treat with salt or sand/salt mixture as needed on all Northeast Kansas roadways. All NE counties are impacted by the current winter snow storm. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties. With the continued falling snow forecasted throughout the day, KDOT crews will continue to primarily plow to keep pushing that snow off the roadways.

Roadways are mostly to completely snowpacked and may be slick, so drivers will need to TAKE IT SLOW, use caution and allow extra time for their morning commutes.

KDOT nighttime crews have headed home and daytime crews are now on for the next 12-hour shift.

| COUNTY/METRO AREA | CURRENT ROAD CONDITION |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties) | Mostly to Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County) | Mostly to Completely |

| | Snowpacked/Icy |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Atchison County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Brown County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Doniphan County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Douglas County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Jackson County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Jefferson County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Lyon County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Marshall County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Nemaha County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Osage County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Pottawatomie County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Riley County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |
| Wabaunsee County | Completely Snowpacked/Icy |

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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