



For Northeast Kansas
as of 3:00 p.m. CST
Thursday, January 20, 2011
(UPDATED)

Current Weather Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 4. Wind chill values between -4 and 1. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday: A chance of flurries after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 31. Wind chill values between -4 and 6. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

There are no active winter weather advisories/watches/warnings at this time.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 4. West northwest wind between 4 and 7 mph becoming calm.

Friday: A slight chance of snow after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 28. Wind chill values between -9 and 1. South wind between 6 and 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

There are no active winter weather advisories/watches/warnings at this time.

Current Road Conditions

Roadway conditions across all of northeast Kansas have continued to improve nicely during the daytime hours. Despite the cold temps, the sun and the treatment on the roadways has accelerated the melting of snow, thus allowing crews to remove the snow that was snowpacked earlier this morning. *See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.*

KDOT nighttime crews will not be needed overnight as the roadway conditions now range from wet/slush to spots snowpacked to normal seasonal conditions. Many of the wet/slushy road conditions will “freeze-dry” in the early evening hours due to the cold temperatures.

During the evening/overnight hours, drivers need to use caution as there may be some potential refreezing in spots on mainlines as well as at interchange ramp areas and intersections.

COUNTY/METRO AREA	CURRENT ROAD CONDITION
KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)	Wet/Slush
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Wet/Slush to Normal Seasonal Conditions
Atchison County	Wet/Slush
Brown County	Wet/Slush
Doniphan County	Wet/Slush to Normal Seasonal Conditions
Douglas County	Wet/Slush
Jackson County	Wet/Slush to Normal Seasonal Conditions
Jefferson County	Wet/Slush to Normal Seasonal Conditions
Lyon County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Marshall County	Spots Snowpacked/Icy to Normal

	Seasonal Conditions
Nemaha County	Spots Snowpacked/Icy
Osage County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Pottawatomie County	Spots Snowpacked/Icy to Normal Seasonal Conditions
Riley County	Spots Snowpacked/Icy to Normal Seasonal Conditions
Wabaunsee County	Wet/Slush to Normal Seasonal Conditions

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/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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