



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 5:00 a.m. CST
Friday, February 25, 2011
(UPDATES)**

National Weather Service Current Weather Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Today: Cloudy, with a high near 28. North wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Saturday: A slight chance of freezing drizzle before noon. Cloudy, with a high near 38. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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There are no active watches/warning/advisories in effect now.

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Current Road Conditions

Currently roadway conditions across Northeast Kansas range from wet/slush (Johnson County only) to partly to completely snowpacked throughout the entire region. *See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual Northeast Kansas counties.*

Nighttime crews continue to plow and treat to remove sleet/snow accumulations off the roadways. Crews have been treating (salt or salt/sand mix) some during the overnight hours while plowing. Crews will treat all roadways in the next couple of hours to hopefully begin some more melting with warmer early morning temps and the increase in traffic on the roadways.

The majority of NE Kansas counties received anywhere from 4-9 inches of snow, so roadways in these areas will take a bit more work today (late morning/early afternoon possibly) to free of all sleet/snow and return to more visible pavement/normal seasonal conditions.

During the morning commutes throughout all of NE Kansas, drivers need to allow EXTRA time as highways, including ramp areas, bridges and overpasses could be SLICK and motorists should drive with CAUTION and use speeds appropriate for the driving conditions.

COUNTY/METRO AREA	CURRENT ROAD CONDITION
KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)	Wet/Slush to Partly Snowpacked/Ice
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice
Atchison County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice

Brown County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice
Doniphan County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice
Douglas County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Jackson County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Jefferson County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice
Lyon County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Marshall County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Nemaha County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice
Osage County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Pottawatomie County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Riley County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice
Wabaunsee County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice

Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

No closed roads at this time.

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.

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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