



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 4:30 p.m. CST
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
(FINAL REPORT)**

Current Weather Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Tonight: Clear, with a low around -4. Wind chill values between -10 and -15. West wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 30. Wind chill values between -6 and -16. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wind Chill Advisory

REPUBLIC-WASHINGTON-MARSHALL-NEMAHA-BROWN-CLOUD-CLAY-RILEY-POTTAWATOMIE-JACKSON-JEFFERSON-OTTAWA-DICKINSON-GEARY-MORRIS-WABAUNSEE-SHAWNEE-DOUGLAS-LYON-OSAGE-FRANKLIN-COFFEY-ANDERSON-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...MARYSVILLE...HIAWATHA...CONCORDIA...CLAY CENTER...MANHATTAN...ABILENE...JUNCTION CITY...TOPEKA...LAWRENCE...EMPORIA...OTTAWA

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* WIND CHILL VALUES...WIND CHILL VALUES WILL DROP INTO THE -15 TO-24 DEGREE RANGE IN THE OVERNIGHT HOURS TONIGHT INTO THURSDAY MORNING.

* IMPACTS...PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO THE COLD CAN BRING THE ONSET OF FROSTBITE.

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.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 2. Wind chill values between -4 and -9. Northwest wind around 7 mph becoming southwest.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 29. Wind chill values between -2 and -12. West southwest wind between 8 and 13 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16. West southwest wind around 9 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 MIDNIGHT TONIGHT TO 9 AM CST THURSDAY.

* LOCATION...EASTERN KANSAS...WEST-CENTRAL AND NORTHWEST THROUGH CENTRAL MISSOURI INCLUDING COMMUNITIES OF BETHANY...CAMERON...KIRKSVILLE... CARROLLTON...SEDALIA AND BOONVILLE.

* TIMING/WIND CHILLS...TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED TO FALL NEAR OR BELOW ZERO ACROSS MOST LOCATIONS OVERNIGHT. BITTERLY COLD WIND CHILLS AROUND 15 TO 25 DEGREES BELOW ZERO ARE EXPECTED AFTER MIDNIGHT THROUGH THE MID MORNING HOURS THURSDAY.

* IMPACTS...PROLONGED EXPOSURE COULD LEAD TO HYPOTHERMIA IF PRECAUTIONS ARE NOT TAKEN. IF YOU MUST VENTURE OUTDOORS...MAKE SURE YOU WEAR A HAT AND GLOVES AND DRESS IN LAYERED CLOTHING.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...PRACTICE YOUR WINTER SAFETY RULES...KEEP A FLASHLIGHT...SHOVEL...FOOD AND WATER IN YOUR CAR IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. TRAVEL SHOULD BE AVOIDED AS PERSONS COULD BECOME STRANDED RESULTING IN A POTENTIALLY LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION.

Current Road Conditions

Currently roadway conditions across Northeast Kansas range from normal seasonal conditions to partly snowpacked (Lyon County only). See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual Northeast Kansas counties.

There will be no scheduled nighttime crews working throughout the majority of northeast Kansas as roads have returned to normal seasonal conditions at this point in time; though a few areas (such as Lyon County) may keep a small crew on hand to check for possible refreezing on specific roadways.

During the evening and overnight hours, drivers should drive for the conditions on the roadways they are travelling on, and use caution as roadways may be SLICK in spots due to possible refreezing overnight from below freezing temps. Drivers should use caution at ramp areas and on arterial streets adjacent to the highways for possible SLICK conditions as well.

COUNTY/METRO AREA	CURRENT ROAD CONDITION
KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Atchison County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Brown County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Doniphan County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Douglas County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Jackson County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Jefferson County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Lyon County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice
Marshall County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Nemaha County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Osage County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Pottawatomie County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Riley County	Normal Seasonal Conditions
Wabaunsee County	Normal Seasonal Conditions

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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