



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 9:30 p.m. CST
Tuesday, February 8, 2011**

Current Weather Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Tonight: Snow, mainly before midnight. Low around -1. Wind chill values between -8 and -13. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Wednesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 20. Wind chill values between -3 and -13. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around -3. Wind chill values between -8 and -13. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming southwest.

Winter Weather Advisory

REPUBLIC-WASHINGTON-CLOUD-CLAY-RILEY-POTTAWATOMIE-GEARY-WABAUNSEE-SHAWNEE-DOUGLAS-OSAGE-FRANKLIN-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...CONCORDIA...CLAY CENTER...MANHATTAN...JUNCTION CITY...TOPEKA...LAWRENCE...OTTAWA

A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 AM CST WEDNESDAY.

* TIMING...SNOW WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE EARLY MORNING HOURS WEDNESDAY.

* TOTAL SNOW ACCUMULATIONS...3 TO 5 INCHES OF SNOW ARE POSSIBLE SOUTH OF A CONCORDIA TO MANHATTAN...TO OSAGE CITY...TO OTTAWA LINE. 1 TO 3 INCHES ARE POSSIBLE...GENERALLY ALONG AND SOUTH OF A WASHINGTON TO LAWRENCE LINE.

* WINDS...NORTHEAST WINDS OF 10 TO 20 MPH WITH GUSTS TO 25 MPH...DIMINISHING IN THE LATE EVENING HOURS.

* IMPACTS...THE SNOW WILL REDUCE VISIBILITIES TO LESS THAN A QUARTER MILE AT TIMES AND ACCUMULATE ON AREA ROADWAYS MAKING THEM SLICK AND HAZARDOUS. BLOWING AND DRIFTING SNOW WILL ALSO OCCUR.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...CONDITIONS CAN DETERIORATE RAPIDLY IN WINTER WEATHER SITUATIONS...SLOW DOWN AND ALLOW EXTRA TIME WHEN TRAVELING. PRACTICE YOUR WINTER SAFETY RULES...KEEP AN EXTRA FLASHLIGHT...FOOD...AND WATER IN YOUR CAR IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Tonight: Snow, mainly before midnight. Low around 3. Wind chill values between -3 and -8. North northwest wind between 5 and 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Wednesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 17. Wind chill values between -8 and 2. Northwest wind between 5 and 8 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 2. Wind chill values between -3 and -8. Northwest wind 5 to 7 mph becoming southwest.

No watches/warnings/advisories in place at this time.

Current Road Conditions

Currently roadway conditions across Northeast Kansas range from normal seasonal to spots to completely snowpacked throughout the entire region. *See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual Northeast Kansas counties.*

Daytime crews have headed home for some much needed rest. Nighttime crews are on duty (12-hour shift) in all NE Kansas counties affected by the current winter snow storm. Crews will plow and spot treat (salt or salt/sand mix) as needed during the overnight hours. The plan is to treat all roadways in the early morning hours in advance of the early morning commutes.

During the evening/overnight hours, drivers should still allow extra time, drive for the conditions on the roadways they are travelling on, and use caution as roadways will be SLICK in spots due to the frigid temps that will occur overnight.

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