



For Northeast Kansas as of 10:30 p.m. CST  
Sunday, February 12, 2012

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## National Weather Service Current Weather Forecast

### Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

**Overnight:** Snow, mainly after midnight. Low around 26. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

**Monday:** Snow before noon, then drizzle or freezing drizzle likely. High near 37. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. Little or no ice accumulation expected. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

**Monday Night:** Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 25. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming w

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

A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 PM CST MONDAY.

\* TIMING...LIGHT SNOW WILL DEVELOP ACROSS THE AREA OVERNIGHT TONIGHT AND CONTINUE INTO MONDAY BEFORE MIXING WITH DRIZZLE AND LIGHT FREEZING DRIZZLE DURING THE LATE MORNING HOURS. THE WINTRY MIX WILL LINGER THROUGH THE AFTERNOON BEFORE DIMINISHING BY EVENING.

\* TOTAL SNOW AND ICE ACCUMULATIONS...1 TO 2 INCHES OF SNOW IS EXPECTED ACROSS THE AREA...PRIMARILY BETWEEN 3 AM AND 10 AM. A PERIOD OF FREEZING DRIZZLE ON MONDAY MAY ALSO PRODUCE A THIN GLAZE OF ICE PRIOR TO TEMPERATURES RISING ABOVE FREEZING.

\* WINDS...SOUTH WINDS OF 10 TO 20 MPH WITH GUSTS AROUND 25 MPH.

\* IMPACTS...THE HEAVIEST SNOWFALL IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR JUST PRIOR TO AND DURING THE MORNING COMMUTE. FALLING SNOW COMBINED WITH THE WINDS MAY BRING REDUCTIONS IN VISIBILITY TO LESS THAN A MILE AT TIMES...AS WELL AS SLICK ROADWAYS. FREEZING DRIZZLE THROUGH MIDDAY ON MONDAY MAY ALSO PRODUCE SLICK ROADWAYS AS WELL.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...WINTRY PRECIPITATION IS FORECAST TO ACCUMULATE IN THE AFFECTED AREAS CAUSING HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS. THOSE WITH TRAVEL PLANS ARE ADVISED TO CHOOSE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE...OR SHOULD USE EXTREME CAUTION IF TRAVEL IS UNAVOIDABLE.

### Greater Kansas City Metro Area

**Overnight:** Snow after midnight. Low around 30. South wind between 10 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

**Monday:** Snow before 10am, then snow, possibly mixed with freezing drizzle between 10am and noon, then

drizzle or freezing drizzle likely after noon. High near 33. South wind between 11 and 16 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Little or no ice accumulation expected. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

**Monday Night:** A slight chance of snow and freezing drizzle before midnight. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 26. South wind 6 to 10 mph becoming west. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

### **Winter Weather Advisory**

ATCHISON KS-MIAMI-LINN KS-DONIPHAN-LEAVENWORTH-WYANDOTTE-JOHNSON KS-ATCHISON MO-NODAWAY-WORTH-GENTRY-HARRISON-HOLT-ANDREW-DE KALB-DAVISS-BUCHANAN-CLINTON-CALDWELL-PLATTE-CLAY-RAY-JACKSON-LAFAYETTE-CASS-JOHNSON MO-BATES-HENRY-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...ATCHISON...PAOLA...MOUND CITY...TROY...LEAVENWORTH...OVERLAND PARK...OLATHE...TARKIO...MARYVILLE...ALBANY...STANBERRY...BETHANY...OREGON...SAVANNAH...CAMERON...GALLATIN...JAMESPORT...ST.JOSEPH...PLATTSBURG...HAMILTON...POLO...PARKVILLE...PLATTE CITY...WESTON...LIBERTY...EXCELSIOR SPRINGS...RICHMOND...GRANT CITY...KANSAS CITY...INDEPENDENCE...LEXINGTON...CONCORDIA...RAYMORE...HARRISONVILLE...PLEASANT HILL...WARRENSBURG...BUTLER...RICH HILL...CLINTON

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\* LOCATION...WEST CENTRAL TO NORTHWEST MISSOURI AND ADJACENT AREAS OF KANSAS.

\* TIMING...LIGHT TO MODERATE SNOW WILL BEGIN TO FALL ACROSS THE REGION DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MONDAY. THE HEAVIEST SNOWFALL WILL LIKELY OCCUR DURING THE MORNING COMMUTE TO WORK. HOWEVER...BY LATE MONDAY MORNING...THE SNOW MAY CHANGE TO OR MIX WITH FREEZING DRIZZLE.

\* TOTAL SNOW ACCUMULATIONS...OF 1 TO 3 INCHES ARE EXPECTED ACROSS THE REGION...PRIMARILY IN THE MORNING HOURS...BUT A LIGHT GLAZE OF ICE IS EXPECTED AS THE EVENT COMES TO AN END.

\* IMPACTS...THE HEAVIEST SNOWFALL IS EXPECTED DURING THE MONDAY MORNING COMMUTE TO WORK...WHICH WILL RESULT IN HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS. FOR THE AFTERNOON HOURS...ANY ADDITIONAL SNOW OR ANY FREEZING DRIZZLE...WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE TRAVEL DIFFICULT.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY MEANS THAT PERIODS OF SNOW AND FREEZING DRIZZLE WILL CAUSE PRIMARILY TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES. BE PREPARED FOR SNOW AND ICE COVERED ROADS AND LIMITED VISIBILITIES...AND USE CAUTION WHILE DRIVING.

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### **Current Road Conditions**

**NE Kansas KDOT crews are ready, equipment is prepped and crews will hit the roads as soon as the precipitation begins to fall which is expected in the overnight and early Monday morning hours. Many of the KDOT crews are reporting in around midnight for a 12-hour overnight shift.**

**For the Monday morning commute, drivers need to leave early, use extra caution, keep a safe distance from the other vehicles around them, TAKE IT SLOW and drive for the current roadway conditions.**

**See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.**

<b>COUNTY/METRO AREA</b>	<b>CURRENT ROAD CONDITION</b>
<b>KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)</b>	<b>Normal Seasonal Conditions</b>
<b>Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)</b>	<b>Normal Seasonal Conditions</b>

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	Normal Seasonal Conditions
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

### 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](http://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 website 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.”