



For Northeast Kansas
as of 11:30 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 2, 2010

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

No current updates available at this time.

Current National Weather Service Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Overnight: Snow. Low around 7. Wind chill values between -1 and 4. East wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Sunday: A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 15. East wind around 5 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 3. Wind chill values between -3 and -8. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

There are no active winter weather advisories in effect at this time.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Overnight: Periods of snow. Low around 9. Wind chill values between zero and 5. East northeast wind around 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Sunday: Snow likely, mainly before noon. Cloudy and cold, with a high near 15. East northeast wind around 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 4. North northeast wind between 3 and 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

There are no active winter weather advisories in effect at this time.

Current Road Conditions

Snow is now falling throughout most all northeast Kansas counties. The snow is blowing across some of the roadways and sticking on others. KDOT overnight crews are out monitoring conditions, treating with a sand/salt mixture, and/or plowing in those areas where snow is accumulating on the roadways.

KDOT crews are only treating slick spots, mainly on bridges/overpasses/ramps, as in these areas the snow is not blowing off the roadway, but instead blowing up against a barrier and sticking. Due to the extremely cold temperatures, crews will be cautious in treating and will only treat as needed for the current conditions. We don't want to create melting on the roadways as the precipitation will refreeze instantly with these frigid temperatures.

Roadways may become slick due to the snow, so drivers should use caution and take it slow while driving overnight and into the early morning hours tomorrow. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.

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 with 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 throughout the overnight and into the early morning hours tomorrow, 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.

COUNTY/METRO AREA	CURRENT OVERALL ROAD CONDITIONS	New Update Yes/No
KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Atchison County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Brown County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Doniphan County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Douglas County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jackson County	Partly to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Jefferson County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Lyon County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Marshall County	Normal Seasonal Conditions to Spots to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Nemaha County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Osage County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Pottawatomie County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Riley County	Spots to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Wabaunsee County	Mostly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes

Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

There are no road closures to report for Northeast Kansas.

Updated Road Conditions (via phone or online 24/7)

Updated Kansas road conditions are at your fingertips. **New!! 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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