



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 11:30 p.m. CST
Sunday, January 9, 2011**

Current Weather Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Overnight: Snow. Low around 21. East wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Monday: Snow. High near 27. East wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of 3 to 5 inches possible.

Monday Night: Snow before midnight, then areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow after midnight. Low around 8. Wind chill values between -6 and 4. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Winter Weather Advisory

NEMAHA-BROWN-POTTAWATOMIE-JACKSON-JEFFERSON-WABAUNSEE-SHAWNEE-DOUGLAS-LYON-OSAGE-FRANKLIN-COFFEY-ANDERSON-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...HIAWATHA...TOPEKA...LAWRENCE...EMPORIA...OTTAWA

The Winter Weather Advisory is now in effect until 6 am CST Tuesday.

Timing...snowfall will become widespread across north east and east central Kansas through the evening hours...with the heaviest snow occurring through the day Monday. The snowfall should begin tapering off late Monday evening.

Total snow accumulations...snow accumulations of 5 to 7 inches with locally higher amounts are possible by Tuesday morning.

Winds...winds will generally be from the east at 5 to 15 mph through Monday...shifting to the northwest in the early evening Monday and increasing with gusts around 25 mph.

Impacts...the snowfall will make traveling difficult. Blowing snow could become more of a problem Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Precautionary/preparedness actions...be prepared for slippery roads and limited visibilities and use caution while driving.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Overnight: Snow, mainly after midnight. Low around 22. East southeast wind between 10 and 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Monday: Snow. High near 27. East northeast wind between 7 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of 3 to 5 inches possible.

Monday Night: Snow before midnight, then snow likely and areas of blowing snow after midnight. Low around 16. North northwest wind between 7 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Winter Weather Advisory

ATCHISON KS-MIAMI-LINN KS-DONIPHAN-LEAVENWORTH-WYANDOTTE-JOHNSON KS-ATCHISON MO-NODAWAY-WORTH-GENTRY-HARRISON-MERCER-HOLT-ANDREW-DE KALB-DAVIESS-BUCHANAN-CLINTON-PLATTE-CLAY-JACKSON-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...ATCHISON...PAOLA...MOUND CITY...TROY...LEAVENWORTH...OVERLAND PARK...OLATHE...TARKIO...MARYVILLE...GRANT CITY...ALBANY...STANBERRY...BETHANY...PRINCETON...OREGON...SAVANNAH...CAMERON...GALLATIN...JAMESPORT...ST. JOSEPH...PLATTSBURG...PARKVILLE...PLATTE CITY...WESTON...LIBERTY...EXCELSIOR SPRINGS...KANSAS CITY...INDEPENDENCE

A Winter Weather Advisory remains in effect until 6 am CST Tuesday.

Location...all of eastern Kansas and portions of northern through west central Missouri including the entire Kansas city metropolitan area as well as Maryville...St Joseph...and Paola.

Timing...the leading edge of the primary area of snow over eastern Kansas will gradually shift east and into far northwest Missouri by midnight...and spread east Monday morning and afternoon. The snow will continue through Monday night before tapering off from west to east on Tuesday morning.

Total snow accumulations...snow accumulations of 5 to 8 inches are likely across eastern Kansas...northwest and west central Missouri. Isolated higher amounts are possible through portions of northwest Missouri.

Impacts...snow totals of this magnitude...despite falling over 24 to 36 hours...will make driving difficult and potentially treacherous.

Other impacts...as winds increase behind the storm system Tuesday morning blowing and drifting of snow will become a problem.

Precautionary/preparedness actions...a winter weather advisory for snow means that periods of snow will cause primarily travel difficulties. Be prepared for snow covered roads and limited visibilities...and use caution while driving.

Current Road Conditions

KDOT nighttime crews are plowing the accumulating snow and/or treating with salt or sand/salt mixture as needed in those Northeast Kansas counties impacted by the current winter snow storm. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.

In those Northeast Kansas counties not currently affected by the winter snow storm, KDOT crews are on standby. These crews continue to monitor the weather and will head out to begin plowing/treating once the snow begins to fall and accumulate on the roadways. Kansas City Metro Area crews plan to report in around midnight.

KDOT nighttime crews will continue to work overnight and into the early morning hours on Monday.

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

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, 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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