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Firewood cutting policy at Tuttle Creek Lake

MANHATTAN, Kans.. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Tuttle Creek Lake recently announced its firewood cutting program for the upcoming heating season.

Only dead wood on the ground may be cut for firewood on public land administered by the Corps of Engineers at Tuttle Creek Lake. This includes fallen trees and driftwood. No permit is needed from the Corps to gather downed wood.

Land administered by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) falls under a separate policy. Firewood in the state parks can be cut in designated areas with prior written approval. State park firewood cutting permits may be obtained at the state park office in River Pond.

The Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area north of Randolph Bridge, administered by KDWPT, has a firewood cutting ban in effect.

Firewood cutters are reminded that standing dead trees often provide valuable nesting habitat for wildlife, so standing timber on public property should never be cut down.

Vehicles must remain on designated roadways, so plan to haul wood to the road by hand, wheelbarrow, or other non-motorized means. All firewood gathered must be for personal use and not sold.

When using a chain saw, remember to use appropriate safety gear, including leg chaps, hard hat, and eye and hearing protection. Know your limits, and never cut alone.

For more information, contact the Corps of Engineers at (785) 539-8511.