Public Land Information

Guidelines for Gathering Dead Trees on Borough Land

The gathering of dead trees on Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) land can be a generally allowable casual use of borough land as provided by KPB 17.10.190 and defined by KPB 17.10.250(C).

Gathering of dead trees on KPB land is considered a casual use if:

• It is conducted as a dispersed use (no more than 5 trees per acre in a calendar year) and does not create a substantial impact to the appearance of the property;

• It does not involve vehicles or machinery which disturbs the ground surface or create trails. Appropriate use of existing roads or motorized vehicle trails for general access to KPB land can be an allowable casual use under KPB 17.10.190 as defined by 17.10.250(C);

• It is conducted on vacant property that is not for sale, is not occupied by another use, and is not currently leased or permitted to another user;

• It does not create a hazard or disturbance to another user, adjacent property, travel ways or utility lines;

• It is not for commercial purposes.

Any gathering of dead trees which conflicts with these guidelines or KPB 17.10.190 as defined by 17.10.250(C) requires a permit from the KPB Land Management Division.

The cutting or damaging of live trees is not allowed under these guidelines.

If you have any questions please contact the KPB Land Management Division at 714-2205 or toll-free at 1-800-478-4441.

Please be good stewards as you enjoy your public lands

17.10.190. Casual use of borough land
A. A casual use does not create an interest in the title of the land.
B. The casual use of borough land does not require a permit.
C. The mayor may close any and all borough land to casual use by issuing a written order that contains a finding that an emergency exists and a statement of the facts on which the finding is based. The mayor shall publish notice of the locations of borough land that the mayor has closed to casual use.

17.10.250. Definitions
C. “Casual Use” means a use of borough land that is nonexclusive and involves only minimal disturbance to the land. Nonexclusive examples of a casual use are hiking, cross country skiing, snow machining, berry picking, hunting, brushing survey lines or trails where roots are not disturbed, livestock drives, and the use of all-terrain vehicles off an established road or right-of-way but on an existing trail. However, hiking trails or consistent use for hiking and establishing hunting camps do not constitute a casual use.
Additional Firewood Gathering Information for the Kenai Peninsula

Call the following agencies or visit their websites for up-to-date information on firewood gathering opportunities and permits.

**ALASKA STATE FORESTRY**
Website:  [http://forestry.alaska.gov/wood/firewood.htm](http://forestry.alaska.gov/wood/firewood.htm)
Kenai-Kodiak Area Office Number:  (907) 260-4212

**KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**
Website:  [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Kenai/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Kenai/)
Email: kenai@fws.gov
Phone:  (907) 262-7021
Toll Free:  1-877-285-5628

**U.S FOREST SERVICE SEWARD RANGER DISTRICT**
Website:  [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/chugach/passes-permits/?cid=FSM8_028840](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/chugach/passes-permits/?cid=FSM8_028840)
Phone:  (907) 224-3374
USING THE SIMPLE PARCEL VIEWER TO LOCATE KPB OWNED PARCELS

The web address for the *Simple Parcel View* is:

https://gis.kpb.us/map/index.html?viewer=basic

Depending on your internet speed it may take a few moments for the *Simple Parcel Viewer* to load. The first thing you will see is a Disclaimer notice. You must agree to the disclaimer before you can proceed. Simply click on the "I agree" button on the lower right-hand corner of the Disclaimer box. Now you have entered the mapping program, you will see a map of the Kenai Peninsula Borough and to the left of the map you will see the Layers menu.

Across the top of the map you will see the all map tool icons - You can have tool icons labeled by click on the Tool Labels icon located at the top right corner of the tool Bar.
Tools are organized by types which are found of the bottom of the too bar. The types are *Find, Identify, Measure, Draw, Coordinates & Share*.

The easiest way to find borough land in a general area is to use the *Bookmark* tool which is located to the right of the Layers menu. A pop-up box will appear which contains links to communities within the borough, click on the area you are interested in (i.e. Cohoe). The map will zoom to that area; you can zoom in/out on the map by using the scroll wheel on your mouse. To move around the map simply left click and hold and this will allow you to drag the map to the desired location.
Once the map has zoomed to the desired area you will need to activate a layer on the map titled *Ownership Type*. The Ownership layer is nested in the *Land Records* layer. Make sure that *Land Records* is checked and then click on the + sign to the left to expand the layer. Then check the *Parcels* and *Ownership Type*. Click on the + sign next to Ownership Type to expand and see the colored legend.

If you can’t see the ownership colors or street names on the map you are zoomed too far out, simply zoom in until you see ownership colors and street names.
To identify the Parcel ID of a specific parcel, hover the mouse pointer over the parcel and left click. A pop-up box will appear on the screen with basic information for the parcel highlighted in blue. The Parcel ID will appear at the top of the box. To exit out of the selected parcel simply click on the x in the information box.

You are allowed to gather personal use firewood from any borough land this is vacant, not for sale, is being occupied by anther use or not leased or permitted to another user. To verify the current status of borough land you can call the planning department at 1-800-478-4441 ext. 2200 or 907-714-2200 and give them the Parcel ID of the parcel(s) you are interested in.