

Safe Handling Information

Copper Azole Type B

Pressure-Treated Wood

This wood has been preserved by pressure treatment with an EPA-registered pesticide containing copper and azole compounds to protect it from termite attack and decay. CA-B (Copper Azole Type B) preservatives penetrate deeply into and will remain in the wood for a long period of time. However, some preservative may migrate from the preserved wood into surrounding soil or water over time and may dislodge from the wood during construction or use upon contact with skin. The following precautions should be taken when handling the treated wood and in determining where to use or dispose of the treated wood.

HANDLING AND USE RECOMMENDATIONS

Do not burn preserved wood (see Disposal section). Avoid prolonged inhalation of sawdust. When sawing, sanding, or machining wood, wear a dust mask. When power-sawing and machining wood, wear goggles. Wear gloves when working with wood. All sawdust and construction debris should be cleaned up and disposed of after construction. After working with the wood and before eating, drinking, toileting, and use of tobacco products, wash exposed areas thoroughly. Wash work clothes separately from other household clothing before reuse. Preserved wood should not be used where it may come into direct or indirect contact with drinking water, except for uses involving incidental contact such as freshwater docks and bridges. Do not use preserved wood under circumstances where the preservative may become a component of food, animal feed, or beehives. Do not use preserved wood for mulch. Only preserved wood that is visibly clean and free of surface residue should be used for patios, decks, and walkways. Use hot-dip galvanized fasteners meeting ASTM-A153/A653, 304 or 316 stainless steel, or other fasteners and hardware as recommended by the hardware manufacturer. Do not use preserved wood in direct contact with aluminum. Mold growth may occur on building products, including untreated or treated wood. To remove mold from a treated wood surface, mild soap and water is typically used.

DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS

CA-B products which are no longer usable, such as cutoffs, broken boards, sawdust or treated wood material taken out of service, may be disposed of in landfills. Treated wood should not be burned in open fires or in stoves, fireplaces, or residential boilers.