



Borate Safe Handling

BORATE PRESSURE-TREATED WOOD

This wood has been preserved by pressure treatment with an EPA-registered pesticide containing borate compounds that protect it from termite attack and decay. Borate (Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate) preservatives penetrate deeply and remain in the wood for a long period of time. Borate is intended for interior construction only (above-ground, weather-protected applications). The following precautions should be taken when handling, using or disposing of treated wood.

HANDLING AND USE RECOMMENDATIONS

Do not burn treated wood (see Disposal Recommendations below). 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 treated wood. All sawdust and construction debris should be cleaned up and disposed of after construction. After working with the wood, wash exposed areas thoroughly before eating, drinking or using the washroom or tobacco products. Wash work clothes separately from other household clothing before reuse. Do not use treated wood under circumstances where the preservative may become a component of food or animal feed. Do not use for mulch. Only use treated wood that is visibly clean and free of surface residue for sill plate and other interior framing components. Use fasteners and hardware as required by the building code. Mold growth may occur on building products, including treated and untreated wood. To remove mold from a treated wood surface, mild soap and water are recommended.

JOBSITE STORAGE AND HANDLING

Prior to installation, it is necessary to keep borate-treated products dry by covering with a waterproof wrap or storing under a shelter. The borate-treated product should also be elevated to allow for circulation. Normal exposure to weather during routine installation will not adversely affect the performance of the product.

DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Borate products that are no longer usable may be disposed of in landfills. These include cutoffs, broken boards, sawdust and treated-wood material taken out of service. Treated wood should not be burned in open fires, stoves, fireplaces or residential boilers.

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