

TREATED WOOD END USE GUIDE



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The American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) in July 2016, established new guidelines that will require that Ground Contact General Use (UC4A) treated wood be used in the following use applications:

- Treated wood when installed less than 6" above the ground.
- When treated wood is used in an application that does not permit air circulation or water drainage underneath the structure.
- When treated wood is used in an application where vegetation, leaf litter, or other debris will build up and remain in contact with the treated wood product.
- When treated wood is used in tropical climates.
- When treated wood is wetted on a frequent or recurring basis such as wind and wave action (such as fresh water docks and walkways) or watering systems, swimming pools and hot tubs.
- When treated wood is used in an above ground application where the treated wood component would be considered difficult to maintain, repair or replace and that component is critical to the performance and safety of the structure. This standard change will affect joists and beams used in above ground decks and fresh water docks, including floating docks.

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