

Treated Wood Care and Maintenance

Deck board spacing- During construction, should the wood become wet, butt deck boards together. As drying occurs, some shrinkage can be expected. If the wood is dry, allowing for shrinkage is not necessary.



When appearance permits,

attach boards bark side up- As a general rule, attach boards bark side up (annual rings arc upward) to reduce cupping; however, the best face should be placed up when a defect of the wood is apparent. Fasten thin boards to thicker boards to maintain structural integrity.



Drill pilot holes- Drill pilot holes, especially when nailing or screwing near the edge or end of a board. Pilot holes will help minimize splitting.



Fastener Information

NatureWood preserved wood products are designed for long-term performance in outdoor applications and, therefore, require high quality, corrosion-resistant nails, screws, and hardware. Use hot-dip galvanized (conforming to ASTM Standards: ASTM-A153 for hot-dip fasteners and ASTM-A653, Coating Designation G-185 for hot-dip connectors and sheet products), stainless steel, or other fasteners and hardware as recommended by the hardware manufacturer. Direct contact of NatureWood preserved wood with aluminum fasteners is not recommended.



Apply a weather-resistant finish- Any exposed wood, pressure treated or not, should be protected with a high quality water repellent finish or stain with water repellent to help reduce warping, checking, and splitting. Application of a quality clear water repellent or semitransparent stain, which contains water repellent, will help minimize the cycles of moisture take-up and loss the wood goes through outdoors. First, determine if your NatureWood product has been pressure treated with a factory applied water repellent by looking at the end tag. If not factory water repellent treated, thoroughly clean your project with a deck cleaning product. Clear water repellent can be immediately applied to your deck or other project. If you choose to use a semitransparent stain which contains a water repellent, you need to first check that your project is surface dry. Either wait until the surface is dry or immediately apply clear water repellent and wait approximately 8 weeks and then apply your chosen color of semitransparent stain. Water repellent should be reapplied every 12 to 18 months, stains - every 24 to 36 months.



Important Information

- Warning- Certain metal products (including fasteners, hardware, and flashing) may corrode when in direct contact with NatureWood products. To prevent premature corrosion and failure it is important to follow the recommendations of the manufacturers for all metal products.
- Do not burn preserved wood (see Disposal section).
- Wear a dust mask and goggles when cutting or sanding wood.
- Wear gloves when working with wood.
- Some preservative may migrate from the treated wood into soil/water or may dislodge from the treated wood surface upon contact with skin. Wash exposed skin areas thoroughly.
- All sawdust and construction debris should be cleaned up and disposed of after construction.
- 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 fresh water 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 as mulch.
- Only preserved wood that is visibly clean and free of surface residue should be used.
- Do not use preserved wood in direct contact with aluminum.
- If the wood is to be used in an interior application and becomes wet during construction, it should be allowed to dry before being covered or enclosed.

If you desire to apply a paint, stain, clear water repellent, or other finish to your preservative treated wood, we recommend following the manufacturer's instructions and label of the finishing product. Before you start, we recommend you apply the finishing product to a small exposed test area before finishing the entire project to insure it provides the intended result before proceeding.

Disposal Recommendations

NatureWood products which are no longer usable, such as cutoffs, broken boards, sawdust, or treated wood material taken out of service, are not considered hazardous and may be disposed of in landfills or burned in commercial or industrial incinerators or boilers in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

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