

# Awpa treated wood

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**What does AWPa mean on pressure-treated wood?** The purpose of the American Wood Protecon Assn. (AWPA) Use Category system is to provide a simple way to select preserved wood products by relang the end use of wood product directly to the appropriate AWPA Standard.

**Can you burn 20 year old pressure-treated wood?** Pressure-treated lumber is a wood product that burns just the same as any other wood; so, technically speaking, you can burn it.

**Is arsenic still used in pressure-treated wood?** Most pressure-treated lumber no longer contains arsenic. ... For many years, the only real choice of pressure-treated lumber was wood treated with Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA). As the name would seem to indicate, it did contain arsenic, which leached into the soil and could contaminate the plants in your garden.

**Is modern pressure-treated wood safe?** Yes, pressure-treated wood is safe for use in everything from raised garden beds to children's playhouses.

**What is the highest quality pressure-treated lumber?** Select - The highest grade available, contains very few defects. It must meet a minimum 1/12-grain slope and have all knots sound encased. It has a high consistency and the appearance is very good. Number 1- Will contain no splits larger than the width of the board.

**What is the difference between #1 and #2 pressure-treated wood?** #1 Grade: When appearance becomes more of a factor, #1 Grade will contain smaller, fewer, sound, tight knots and have less wane than found in #2 Grade. Keep in mind, that with the introduction of Prime grades, #1 Grade no longer contains some of the better grades that used to be included.

## **What should never be done with pressure-treated wood?**

**Can I burn treated wood in a fire pit?** Burn hot fires. Never burn garbage, plastic, or pressure treated wood, which can produce harmful chemicals when burned. Learn more about best burn practices.

**Can I burn pressure-treated wood in my wood stove?** Never burn treated or painted wood in your wood-burning stove. This type of wood is often laden with chemicals that can harm your health and the environment when burned.

**When did they stop putting arsenic in treated wood?** By January 2004, the EPA will no longer allow pressure-treated wood containing CCA to be used for residential applications such as children's play structures, decks, picnic tables, landscaping timbers, residential fencing or walkways.

**Why was CCA banned?** Before 2004, CCA-treated wood was widely used around homes to build decks, playsets, picnic tables, and fences. However, regulators grew concerned over arsenic residue on the treated wood and exposure to children who played on treated wood structures, in addition to workers in wood treatment facilities.

**Why can't you use pressure-treated wood inside?** Using pressure treated wood indoors can lead to fire hazards since the wood contains flammable materials tightly packed within. Moreover, pressure treated wood is manufactured using various chemicals. When this type of wood is exposed to water and air, it leads to chemical exposure that can pose a health risk.

**Is Home Depot pressure treated wood safe?** The preservatives used in treated lumber since 2003 are not harmful in small amounts. To reduce exposure and possible irritation, take simple precautions like wearing gloves or washing hands after handling the lumber.

**Is it safe to walk barefoot on pressure treated wood?** One should seal it before walking on it barefoot and keep children from touching the lumber and then their mouths. The danger is that copper could be detrimental if it leaches into water, so it is best to avoid using it close to natural bodies of water.

**What is the least toxic pressure treated wood?** Types of pressure-treated wood  
The least acutely toxic are Copper Napthenate, Zinc Napthenate, Copper-8, Niedox-10, and Arsenic. Creosote and PCP are the most acutely toxic.

**What does AWPu U1 mean?** "AWPA U1" signifies that the wood is treated in accordance with AWPu Standard U1, the primary specification for treated wood. The AWPu Use Category designation (for example, "UC2", "UC3B", "UC4A", etc. - see below for descriptions) indicates the proper usage of the treated wood product.

**What is Lowes pressure-treated lumber treated with?** Visit Lowes.com for more information. Severe Weather products are treated with either Alkaline Copper Quaternary (ACQ) or Copper Azole (CA). For landscaping, walkways and other outdoor projects where lumber is exposed to the elements. Pressure treated to protect it from termite attack, fungal decay and rot.

**Can you still get CCA wood?** CCA Lumber & Timbers They remain an excellent option for industrial, agricultural, and commercial uses. All CCA lumber and timbers are rated for Critical Structural use, making them an ideal choice for post frame buildings, agricultural fencing, and many other non-residential uses.

**Which is better green or brown pressure treated wood?** Once treated, green and brown timber are usually labelled with a UC3 or UC4 rating. The latter is a more harsh treatment than the former and is for use on wood that is in permanent contact with the ground (such as fence posts). The former is for wood that is not in contact with the ground such as fence panels.

**Will termites eat pressure-treated lumber?** While termites won't eat treated wood they will readily tube over it. This is where the problem lies. Over the years termites have been given many obstacles including termite shields, pressure treated wood and others. The most lasting has been treated wood.

**What is the longest lasting pressure-treated lumber?** Pine, cedar, Douglas fir, and hem-fir are the species that best absorb the pressure-treatment chemicals, making them ideal for long-lasting woodwork.

**What is the difference between CCA and ACQ treated lumber?** ACQ (alkaline copper quaternary) — Contains a quaternary compound including copper and

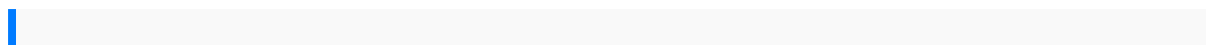
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ammonium. ACQ is strong against fungi, insects, and other marine creatures that may damage the integrity of lumber. CCA (chromated copper arsenate) – A combination of chromium, copper, and arsenic for maximum protection.

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**What is the difference between pressure treated and premium lumber?** Pressure-treated lumber grades are assigned based on appearance. Boards with fewer knots or other cosmetic blemishes get a higher grade, but a premium grade comes with a higher price. Use #2-grade lumber when appearance is not crucial to your project.

**What is the difference between pressure treated and marine grade lumber?** Unlike traditional pressure-treated lumber, marine grade plywood is not chemically treated to increase its resistance to rot, mold, and moisture. Instead, it's composed of many thin layers bound together with waterproof glue.



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