



Pollution Prevention Tips for Pressure- Treated Wood

Chromated copper arsenate (CCA) treated wood contains arsenic, which is a known human carcinogen.

Protecting Yourself from CCA Pressure-Treated Wood

- Paint or stain CCA-treated decks.
- Do not burn CCA-treated wood.
- Work only in well-ventilated areas when sanding or cutting.
- Wash hands and wipe feet after touching CCA-treated wood.
- Place plastic between wood rails and plants in gardens.
- Do not store children's toys under CCA-treated wood decks or allow children or animals to play there.
- Do not use pressure-treated wood for mulch.

Building Materials Free from CCA and Other Substances

- Composites
- Virgin vinyl
- Redwood
- Exotic hardwood, including mahogany and ironwood
- High-density rubber lumber

For more information, visit DEC's website at www.dec.ny.gov and search for "pressure-treated wood," or call 800-462-6553.



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