



Safe Handling Information

ProWood Borate Pressure-Treated Wood

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

HANDLING AND USE RECOMMENDATIONS

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

JOBSITE STORAGE AND HANDLING

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

DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS

ProWood Borate products which are no longer usable, such as cutoffs, broken boards, sawdust or treated wood material taken out of service, may be disposed of in landfills. Treated wood should not be burned in open fires or in stoves, fireplaces, or residential boilers.