

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Preserved Wood—The Top Choice to Preserve, Protect and Defend Homeowner Investments

(NAPSA)—If you're thinking about adding a deck, play set, fence or other outdoor structure to your backyard, you're thinking smart. These types of additions are a great way to add to the enjoyment and appeal of a home and enhance property values. If you want to ensure long-lasting beauty, protect structural integrity, and defend against damage from termites and decay, experts say, pressure-treated wood offers the best choice at the best price. In fact, many believe no material can beat preserved wood's performance.

Why is treated wood seen to outperform the alternatives? Because preservatives in the wood extend the life of the structure from just a few years to decades. The preservative CCA, or chromated copper arsenate, has been proven safe and effective for almost 70 years, and now a new generation of wood preservatives is taking its place for many residential uses. The wood preservative industry has invested significant effort and resources in developing, refining and perfecting this new generation of products that will continue to provide homeowners with strong, sturdy and stable structures.

Like CCA, the new preservatives have been studied extensively and approved for use in consumer products by the Environmental



Protection Agency. So consumers can expect an uninterrupted supply of fine-quality building materials that can stand the test of time.

Along with staying power and effectiveness, preserved wood offers another significant benefit—it is environmentally friendly. First of all, the lumber in preserved wood comes from a highly renewable resource; and preservative treatment extends the life of the wood, reducing future demand. Moreover, the production of treated wood requires less energy than production of plastic or steel alternatives, and it can often be installed with less environmental disturbance. What's more, the preservatives used are derived largely from recycled ingredients.

If you are adding a fence, deck, swing set or other outdoor structure to your home, consider preserved wood. It's a proven, sturdy and safe product that is friendly to the environment and can offer long-lasting beauty at a good price.