

# Home Design Trends



## Treated Framing Offers Best Protection

(NAPSA)—Thousands of new homes being built this year are using the most cost-effective, long-term defense against termite attack and decay: treated wood framing. Builders and homeowners agree that this readily available material adds value to their personal castles.

Treated lumber framing can decrease costly repairs and in most cases increase the value of a home. Treated lumber is now available in a variety of treatment options, so homeowners can build with confidence, while knowing that they are conserving an important natural resource. Building experts agree that pressure-treated Southern Pine lumber offers superior protection against termite attack and fungal decay. Known for its exceptional strength and durability, treated Southern Pine framing can also prevent costly damage from excessive moisture or water from leaky household appliances.

When properly treated and redried for enclosed structural applications, pressure-treated pine is recognized by all major building codes and regulatory agencies for use in both new construction and repair and remodeling projects. A new generation of waterborne preservatives is now entering the marketplace, with names like ACQ, Copper Azole, and borates, which are proven safe around people, plants and animals. These new formulations do not contain arsenical-based compounds, and are excellent for protecting your home's structural framing. Borates are recommended exclusively for above-



**A new generation of wood preservatives offers superior long-term performance for framing your new home.**

ground applications, continuously protected from contact with water.

During the pressure-treating process, the preservative penetrates deep within the wood's fiber, offering long-term protection. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and many other agencies agree that this new generation of treated wood products is safe when properly used.

Common sense prevails when working with any building material, so it's important to follow safe construction practices when working with treated wood, too. Always wear eye protection and a dust mask when sawing or machining wood. Do not burn treated wood. Dispose of any scraps through regular trash collection.

The Southern Pine Council offers a number of free publications to help you use treated lumber for your next project. To learn more, visit the council online at [www.southernpine.com](http://www.southernpine.com).