

Home Design Trends



Raise Your Expectations With Treated Southern Pine

(NAPSA)—If you've ever stood on the porch or looked out of a window of a home raised several feet above the ground, you probably appreciated the panoramic view of your surroundings. The benefits of a raised floor foundation system don't stop there. Think comfort, practicality and lasting value, especially if you build with treated Southern Pine materials. Because of its strength, durability and acceptance of wood preservatives, Southern Pine has been proven over the years as an excellent choice for almost any type of construction. Building a raised floor home with treated Southern Pine will provide long-lasting protection against moisture intrusion, decay and insect attacks, including termites.

Many homebuyers are rediscovering the classic elegance that a raised foundation adds to the appearance of American home designs. Visually, an elevated home functions as a pedestal, enhancing many architectural styles. Inside, you will find a warmer, more inviting atmosphere that offers uplifting comfort. Porches and decks can serve as built-in amenities that expand your usable living space. Consider the charm and hospitality of a front porch, the pest-free privacy of a screened back porch, or a spacious deck for outdoor cooking, entertainment and relaxation.

You might ask, what about the foundation of a raised floor home? Some of the oldest, most historic homes in America proudly stand on a raised foundation. Any foun-



A home with a raised floor foundation is a great investment, adding curb appeal, comfort and lasting value.

dation can settle, however, but a raised floor makes leveling or repair a relatively easy operation. Installation, maintenance and modification of utilities such as plumbing and air-conditioning systems can be simplified with a raised floor as well. Another advantage is the practical and cost-effective added protection against flooding; a substantial reduction in homeowners' flood insurance rates can result.

For free publications about raised floor foundations and treated Southern Pine lumber, contact the Southern Pine Council at Box 641700, Kenner, LA 70064 or visit www.southernpine.com.