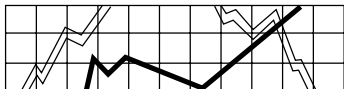


# Home Design Trends



## Add Value With Treated Wood Framing

(NAPSA)—When you get down to it, an increasing number of people are choosing to build their dream homes using pressure treated lumber for the framing. They believe this readily available building material can put a firm foundation under their personal castles.

Known for its exceptional strength and durability, pressure-treated Southern Pine, experts say, offers superior protection against termite attack and fungal decay. It can also prevent framing damage due to moisture or water from leaky household appliances.

Treated lumber framing can decrease costly repairs and often increase the value of a home. Even under severe exposure, the preservative extends the service life of the wood many times, conserving an important natural resource.

Pressure-treated pine is recognized by all major building codes and regulatory agencies for use in both new construction and remodeling projects. The wood is safe and will not harm people, plants or animals. The most common waterborne preservative used to treat the wood is known as chromated copper arsenate. During the pressure-treating process, the preservative is permanently bonded deep within the wood's fiber. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and many other agencies have found it to be safe when properly used.

Just as with any building material, however, it's important



**Framing a home with pressure-treated lumber provides a cost-effective, long-term defense against decay and termite attack.**

to follow safe construction practices when working with pressure treated Southern Pine. Always wear eye goggles and a dust mask when sawing or machining wood. Do not burn treated wood. Dispose of any scraps through regular trash collection.

You can get a number of free publications to help you use treated Southern Pine lumber from the Southern Pine Council. To learn more, write to the Southern Pine Council, Box 641700, Kenner, LA 70064 or visit [www.southernpine.com](http://www.southernpine.com) online.