



STATEMENT ON DUAL-TREATMENT

Currently, no single treatment is available that provides both exterior preservative and fire-retardant protection for wood.

- Dual treatment is sometimes suggested as a means of providing both properties. However, dual-treated wood cannot be certified as either fire retardant (FRTW) or preservative treated.
- No ICC, QAI, UL or other approved mark for fire retardant flame spread classification can be applied, and no preservative identification mark can be applied to dual treated wood.
- Building codes require these third-party certification marks. Dual treatment will not meet code requirements as FRTW per IBC 2303.2 or an AWPA/WWPI preservative treatment.

Various construction techniques and building supplies allow for FRTW posts to be used in structural applications whilst avoiding direct ground contact.

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Naturally durable species such Douglas-Fir or Western Red Cedar treated with SaferWood Thermex-FR have been substituted for above ground applications calling for dual treatment.