

## CCA-TREATED LUMBER FACT SHEET

<b>Rule says:</b>	“Structures....built with CCA-treated lumber shall be sealed with an oil-based sealant or stain at least every 2 years.”
<b>What does CCA-treated mean?</b>	Chromated copper arsenate (CCA) is a wood preservative containing compounds of chromium, copper, and arsenic. It protects the wood from insects and fungus.
<b>Structures include:</b>	Playground equipment, railings decks, and porches
<b>How do I know if lumber is CCA-treated?</b>	<p>If structure was built before 2004 and not made of cedar or redwood, it most likely was CCA-treated.</p> <p>Look for an end tag, label or stamp on the bottom of the wood that lists the preservative type.</p> <p>Ask the retailer where the item was purchased.</p>
<b>What do I do if the lumber is CCA-treated or if I’m unsure?</b>	<p>Cover the structure with an oil based sealant or stain.</p> <p>If the wood is CCA-treated, you can also discard the wood in landfills as allowed by your municipality.</p>
<b>How often do I need to seal my lumber and how do I provide documentation?</b>	<p>Every 2 years</p> <p>Provide a receipt or other documentation showing the structure is not CCA-treated</p>
<b>Why does this matter?</b>	Because of health concerns and a potential increased risk of cancer from exposure to chemical residues in CCA-treated wood and the dirt surrounding the wood.

### **Additional Resource:**

Brochure about CCA-treated wood- [https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/270\\_0.pdf](https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/270_0.pdf)