

Advice on Preservatives – Recycled Timber

Be advised that all recycled bridge, wharf and power pole timbers may have preservative-treated surfaces. Preservatives may be visible or not visible. A precautionary approach is to assume that scheduled chemical preservatives may be present in all cases and due care should therefore be taken in handling.

Timber with this provenance is not recommended for playground structures, handrails or surfaces where human contact by bare feet and hands is routine. They are recommended for fences, gateposts, other outdoor structures and landscape features - as well as for wall and overhead structures internally. Treated timber is deemed safe for these uses under AS5605-2007 provided common sense is used in handling and safety guidelines are followed.

Be aware that native hardwoods currently milled in NSW and Queensland with non-durable sapwood are mandated by law to have preservative treatment if they are offered as structural F27, floorboards, decking or for outdoor purposes.

