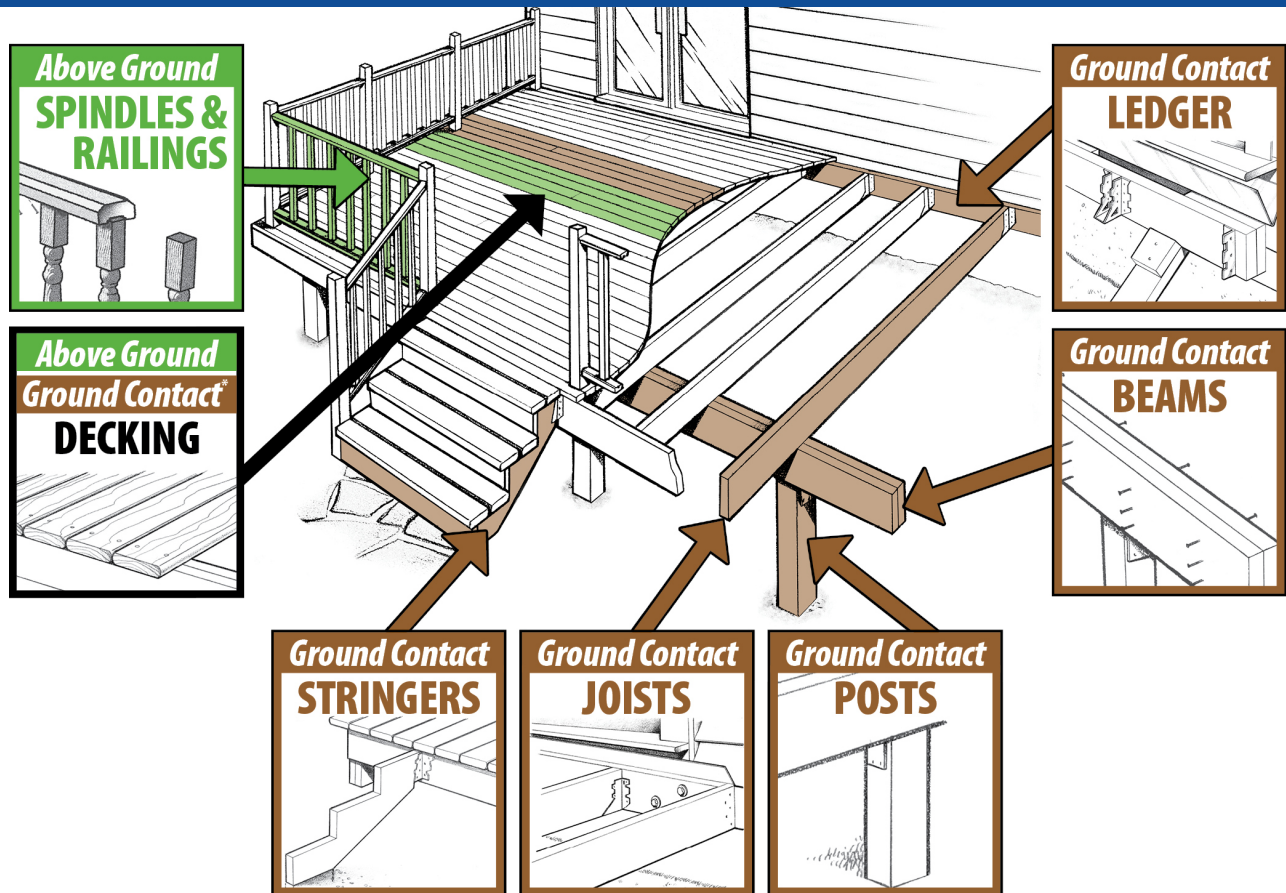


New Change to Treated Wood Standards



Ground Contact Treated Wood Should Be Used in These Applications



When treated wood is used in an above ground application where the treated wood component would be considered difficult to maintain, repair or replace and that component is critical to the performance and safety of the structure. This standard change will affect joists and beams used in above ground decks.



Treated wood used in contact with the ground or embedded in the ground.



Ground contact treated wood is required when installed less than 6" above the ground after final grade and landscaping, or used in an application that does not permit air circulation or water drainage underneath the structure.

Ground contact treated decking should always be used on ground level decks and walkways.

Additional Applications that Require Ground Contact

- When treated wood is wetted on a frequent or recurring basis such as wind and wave action (such as fresh water docks and walkways) or watering systems, swimming pools and hot tubs.
- When treated wood is used in tropical climates.
- When treated wood is used in an application where vegetation, leaf litter, or other debris will build up and remain in contact with the treated wood product.
- When treated wood is used where it is in direct contact with untreated wood or other wood products with any evidence of decay activity.

The changes listed above are minimum recommendations, but depending on your specific project, site conditions and intended use, you may want to use all Ground Contact treated materials.

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