

Pictou County Solid Waste Rules and Regulations

As of April 1, 2024

- Pressure treated wood must be kept separate from other wood and construction materials as it will go to a separate location for processing.
- Pressure treated wood will be charged at the garbage rate with a tipping fee of \$138.04 per tonne. This is due to the requirement of increased handling by staff to separate and send to a Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.
- Please follow directions from staff and signage to ensure proper separation. **Failure to properly separate treated wood may result in additional fees.**

Questions?

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It should be assumed that wood from the construction, renovation or demolition of decks, fences, retaining walls and wharves, as well as telephone poles and railway ties, is treated wood.

Provincial Treated Wood Disposal Ban



**Burning of
Treated Wood
is **NOT**
Permitted**

Commonly Asked Questions

- **What is treated wood?**

Treated wood is wood that has been chemically treated during manufacturing so that it will resist decay. During the factory treatment process, creosote, pentachlorophenol, or other chemical preservatives are injected into the wood.

Treated wood **DOES NOT** include wood treated at home, like stained or painted wood.

- **Where is treated wood used?**

Treated wood is commonly used in an outdoor setting for things like decks, fences, retaining walls, wharves, railway ties and telephone poles.

The disposal ban applies to both new and old treated wood waste from construction, renovation or demolition activities.

How to identify treated wood?



Creosote timber



Pressure treated wood

Creosote timber is wood that usually appears brown or black from being coated with a tar-like material. It is often used in the manufacture of telephone poles, wharves and railway ties.

Pressure treated wood is typically green or brown in colour and may have small slits where the preservative was injected into the wood during the manufacturing process. It is often used in the construction of decks, fences and retaining walls.

- **How do I dispose of treated wood?**

Treated wood is to be kept separate during a construction, renovation or demolition project. This makes it easier to manage and avoid additional fees. As with any material that is in good condition, think about potential reuse options.

- **Why is treated wood banned from disposal at Constuction and Demolition (C&D) debris disposal sites?**

Treated wood is banned from disposal at C&D sites by the Province of Nova Scotia to help prevent the potential contamination of groundwater and surface water due to leaching of the preservative chemicals.

- **When does this take effect?**

This was effective July 5, 2023.
Provincial enforcement of the ban will start July 5, 2024.