



To whom it may concern,

Often treated wood warranties are misunderstood. Pressure treated wood products are protected against rot, decay and insect infestation, such as from termites. Treated wood warranties, DO NOT cover the natural characteristics of wood, to warp, cup, crack, surface check or twist. There are many ways, however to limit these natural characteristics.

Kiln drying of wood after treatment, helps to reduce cupping, twisting and warping, but the lumber must still be fastened correctly for optimum results. Kiln dried material can also be painted or stained immediately, a step that greatly minimizes the effects of the sun and weather while waiting on 'wet' material to dry enough to be coated. Oil based stains, primers and paint are always recommended for the best protection of the wood surfaces.

End coating of cuts is often overlooked during construction. The end cut of board is as much as 250% more porous, than the sides and faces of the board. Neglecting this step plays to the natural hygroscopicity of wood (its ability to absorb or take up moisture from the air and weather events). This can contribute to warping, cupping, checking and cracking.

The specific language of our warranty is as follows, for our Culpeper Treated Wood product line.

What this Warranty Does NOT Cover:

1. damage resulting from any cause other than termites or fungal decay including, but not limited to surface mold growth, staining (such as blue stain), damage from exposure to weather (such as discoloration, graying, splitting, cracking, checking, warping, or twisting), ordinary wear and tear, misuse, or acts of God (such as a lightning, wind storm, hurricane, tornado, hail, flood, fire or similar natural phenomena)
2. wood that is used in foundation systems (such as Permanent Wood Foundation systems, and piling, pole or heavy timber construction)
3. wood that is used in swimming pool sidewalls
4. wood used as vineyard stakes or tree supports in agricultural applications
5. wood that is immersed in salt water

Full warranty available at <https://www.culpeperwood.com/resources/warranties-sds-sheets/>.

Respectfully,

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