

Disposal of Waste Timber

It is recommended that wherever possible, steps are taken to avoid or minimise the production of waste.

Waste wood preservative product and used containers must be disposed of safely in accordance with any conditions laid down in CoPR approval/BPR authorisation and by reference to the Product Safety Data Sheet and in accordance with regulations.

Wherever possible redundant treated wood should be reused.

Appropriate disposal strategies may be to landfill or incinerate.

Enquiries should be made to the local waste management authority or the preservative supplier.

Treated wood waste must not be supplied for use as animal bedding or litter; or be used in barbeques or domestic fires.

For further guidance on options for disposal of waste, see the WPA Guidance Note TW14: UK Guidance on the Classification of Treated Wood Waste.

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Manual and Mechanical Handling of Batten

Accepting Deliveries of Batten

Safety is paramount when handling packs of timber. You must wear appropriate PPE (hard hat, safety footwear, gloves) and follow a pre-agreed safe system of work (SSoW) at your yard. Key steps include performing a risk assessment, inspecting the load and equipment, having a qualified operator, ensuring the site is clear of obstructions, and never standing in danger zones around the truck or forks.

Before unloading inspect the load to ensure it is secure.

Ensure the area is clear of obstructions and unauthorised personnel.

The forklift operator must be qualified.

Check the forklift is suitable to carry the weight of the packs which can vary depending on length of the pack and the weather conditions ie wet batten is heavier. Only lift one pack at a time, in a central position on the forks and keep the centre of gravity low.

Once the pack is clear of the lorry move it to a designated safe storage area.

As you handle the timber check for any signs of damage that may have occurred during transport or the unloading process.

Manage the risk by referring to your Company's safe system of work manual and Health & Safety Guidance.

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