

**TOWN OF HUDSON**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**OFFICE OF THE LIGHT AND POWER DEPT.**  
**(978-568-8736)**

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**CUSTOMER AGREEMENT**

**Proper Use of Discarded Poles of the Hudson Light and Power Department**

The chemicals with which utility poles are treated may cause adverse health effects if these poles are used in ways which cause them to come into direct contact with people, food or drinking water supplies. Also, the burning of treated wood releases highly toxic chemicals.

For your own protection, please read the Consumer Information Sheet approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the opposite side of this form. This information has been prepared for your protection. After reading the Consumer Information Sheet, please sign the following agreement:

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I have read the guidelines regarding use of discarded poles and understand that certain uses of the poles may have adverse health effects. I agree to follow the advice set forth in the EPA-approved Customer Information Sheet when using discarded poles of the Hudson Light and Power Department.

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Signature

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Date

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Address

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Telephone #

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# INORGANIC ARSENICAL PRESSURE-TREATED WOOD

Including Chromate Copper Arsenate (CCA), Ammoniacal Copper Arsenate (ACA), and Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate (ACZA)

## **Consumer Information:**

This wood has been preserved by pressure-treatment with an EPA-registered pesticide containing inorganic arsenic to protect it from insect attack and decay. Wood treated with inorganic arsenic should be used only where such protection is important.

Inorganic arsenic penetrates deeply into and remains in the pressure-treated wood for a long time. However, some chemical may migrate from treated wood into surrounding soil over time and may also be dislodged from the wood surface upon contact with skin. Exposure to inorganic arsenic may present certain hazards. Therefore, the following precautions should be taken both when handling the treated wood and in determining where to use or dispose of the treated wood.

## **Use-Site Precautions:**

All sawdust and construction debris should be cleaned up and disposed of after construction.

Do not use treated wood under circumstances where the preservative may become a component of food or animal feed. Examples of such sites would be use of mulch from recycled arsenic-treated wood, cutting boards, counter tops, animal bedding, and structures or containers for storing animal feed or human food.

Only treated wood that is visibly clean and free of surface residue should be used for patios, decks and walkways.

Do not use treated wood for construction of those portions of beehives which may come into contact with honey.

Treated wood should not be used where it may come into direct or indirect contact with drinking water, except for uses involving incidental contact such as docks and bridges.

## **Handling Precautions:**

Dispose of treated wood by ordinary trash collection. Treated wood should not be burned in open fires or in stoves, fireplaces, or residential boilers because toxic chemicals may be produced as part of the smoke and ashes. Treated wood from commercial or industrial use (e.g., construction sites) may be burned only in commercial or industrial incinerators or boilers in accordance with state and Federal regulations.

Avoid frequent or prolonged inhalation of sawdust from treated wood. When sawing, sanding, and machining treated wood, wear a dust mask. Whenever possible, these operations should be performed outdoors to avoid indoor accumulations or airborne sawdust from treated wood.

When power-sawing and machining, wear goggles to protect eyes from flying particles.

Wear gloves when working with the wood. After working with the wood, and before eating, drinking, toileting, and use of tobacco products, wash exposed areas thoroughly.

Because preservatives or sawdust may accumulate on clothes, they should be laundered before reuse. Wash work clothes separately from other household clothing.

For further EPA information, see [http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheet/s/chemicals/cca\\_consumer\\_safety.htm](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheet/s/chemicals/cca_consumer_safety.htm)