



## **IMPORTANT NEWSFLASH! IMPORTANT NEWSFLASH! IMPORTANT NEWSFLASH!**

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### **ATTENTION CONTRACTORS:**

BE ADVISED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, BUILDING INSPECTORS HAVE BEEN ISSUED MOISTURE METERS FOR USE TO CHECK MOISTURE CONTENT OF WOOD STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS AND OTHER WOOD BASED PRODUCTS USED IN CONSTRUCTION.

MOISTURE CONTENT OF STRUCTURAL SAWN LUMBER; END-JOINTED LUMBER; PREFABRICATED WOOD I-JOISTS, STRUCTURAL GLUED-LAMINATED TIMBER; WOOD STRUCTURAL PANELS; FIBERBOARD SHEATHING, HARDBOARD SIDING, PARTICLEBOARD; PRESERVATIVE TREATED WOOD, STRUCTURAL LOG MEMBERS; STRUCTURAL COMPOSITE LUMBER, ROUND TIMBER POLES AND PILES, FIRE-RETARDANT TREATED WOOD, HARDWOOD PLYWOOD AND WOOD TRUSSES IS ESTABLISHED IN THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE AND GENERALLY LIMITS MOISTURE CONTENT NOT TO EXCEED 19%. MOISTURE CONTENT IN SOME PRODUCTS IS LIMITED TO 15%. ROOFING PRODUCTS ALSO HAVE LIMITATIONS FOR MOISTURE CONTENT.

MANY REFERENCED STANDARDS IN THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE INCLUDING AWPA, AWC, ANSI, ASTM, APA, WFCM, NDS RECOMMEND STORAGE AND PROTECTION FROM THE WEATHER TO ENSURE MOISTURE CONTENT DOES NOT EXCEED CODE LIMITATIONS. RECOMMENDATIONS GENERALLY INCLUDE STORAGE OFF GROUND AND MATERIALS COVERED TO KEEP THEM DRY.

BE ADVISED, **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** THAT YOU **TAKE PRECAUTIONS** TO ENSURE WOOD PRODUCTS ARE **PROPERLY STORED OFF-GROUND AND PROTECTED FROM THE WEATHER**. BUILDING INSPECTORS WILL BE PERFORMING MOISTURE CHECKS OF WOOD PRODUCTS THAT ARE IMPROPERLY STORED AND / OR NOT PROTECTED FROM THE WEATHER.

MOISTURE READINGS IN EXCESS OF 19% (OR LOWER DEPENDING ON THE PRODUCT) WILL RESULT IN **REJECTION OF THE WOOD PRODUCTS** AND **THEIR INSTALLATION WILL BE PROHIBITED** UNTIL SUCH TIME AS MOISTURE LEVELS HAVE RETURNED TO LEVELS ALLOWED BY THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE.

### **YOU ARE ADVISED TO TAKE ACTIONS TO PROTECT WOOD PRODUCTS NOW!!**

FBC SECTIONS 1521.12, 2303.1.9.2, 2303.2.7, 2303.2.8, 2319.17.2.2.6, 2303.7 (AND OTHERS!)

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