

# ATTENTION RETAILERS AND WHOLESALERS OF TREATED WOOD PRODUCTS IN CALIFORNIA

## YOU HAVE A NEW RESPONSIBILITY

On January 1, 2005 a new California law becomes effective (AB 1353) which impacts the sale and use of treated wood. Most importantly the bill secures the right to dispose of treated wood waste material in lined municipal landfills in the state, removing the economic threat of costly disposal in hazardous waste facilities.

The legislation also expanded the **requirements for all retailers and wholesalers** to post warning posters regarding appropriate use of wood products treated with EPA registered preservatives. The bill requires, effective January 1, 2005, that:

*“Each wholesaler and retailer of treated wood and treated wood-like products in this state shall conspicuously post information at or near the point of display or customer selection of treated wood and treated wood-like products used for fencing, decking, retaining walls, landscaping, outdoor structures, and similar uses. The information shall be provided to wholesalers and retailers by the wood preserving industry [emphasis added] in 22-point font, or larger, and contain the following message:.....”*

The warning statement in the prescribed wording and size is available from your treated wood supplier, will be included with new shipments or and can be downloaded from the web site: [www.WWPInstitute.org](http://www.WWPInstitute.org) in the “California” section. At this site you will also find additional information on the legislation.