Use Category (UC) information is found on the end tag or treatment stamp.

- **Above Ground, exterior construction**
  - UC2 – General use
  - UC3 – Coated, rapid water runoff
  - UC3B – Uncoated, poor water runoff

- **Interior Construction, above ground, damp**
  - UC2 – General use

- **Ground Contact**
  - UC3 – Coated, rapid water runoff
  - UC3B – Uncoated, poor water runoff
  - UC4 – General use
  - UC4A – Heavy duty

**NOTE:** This is designed to help identify the appropriate Use Category for the intended use. Some commodities may require a retention for a specific application beyond that suggested, due to the critical nature of their use. The designer should use their best judgement to determine the appropriate specification for a particular use.

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**Fence Pickets**
- Above ground, protected
- Use Category 3A or higher

**Porch Flooring**
- Above ground, protected
- Use Category 3A or higher

**Stairs**
- Above ground
- Use Category 3B or higher

**Structural Posts**
- Ground contact
- Use Category 4A or higher

**Shakes & Shingles**
- Above ground
- Use Category 3B or higher

**Fascia & Trim**
- Above ground, protected
- Use Category 3A or higher

**Landscape Wall**
- Ground contact
- Use Category 4A or higher

**Deck Railing**
- Above ground
- Use Category 3B or higher

**Deck Boards**
- Above ground
- Use Category 3B or higher

**Posts**
- Ground contact
- Use Category 4A or higher

**Joists & beams**
- Above ground
- Use Category 3B or higher

**Permanent Wood Foundation**
- Ground contact
- Use Category 4B or higher

**Sill Plate**
- Above ground
- Use Category 4A or higher

** Ledger**
- Ground contact
- Use Category 4A or higher

**Garden Box**
- Ground contact
- Use Category 4A or higher

**Permanent Wood Foundation**
- Ground contact
- Use Category 4B or higher

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