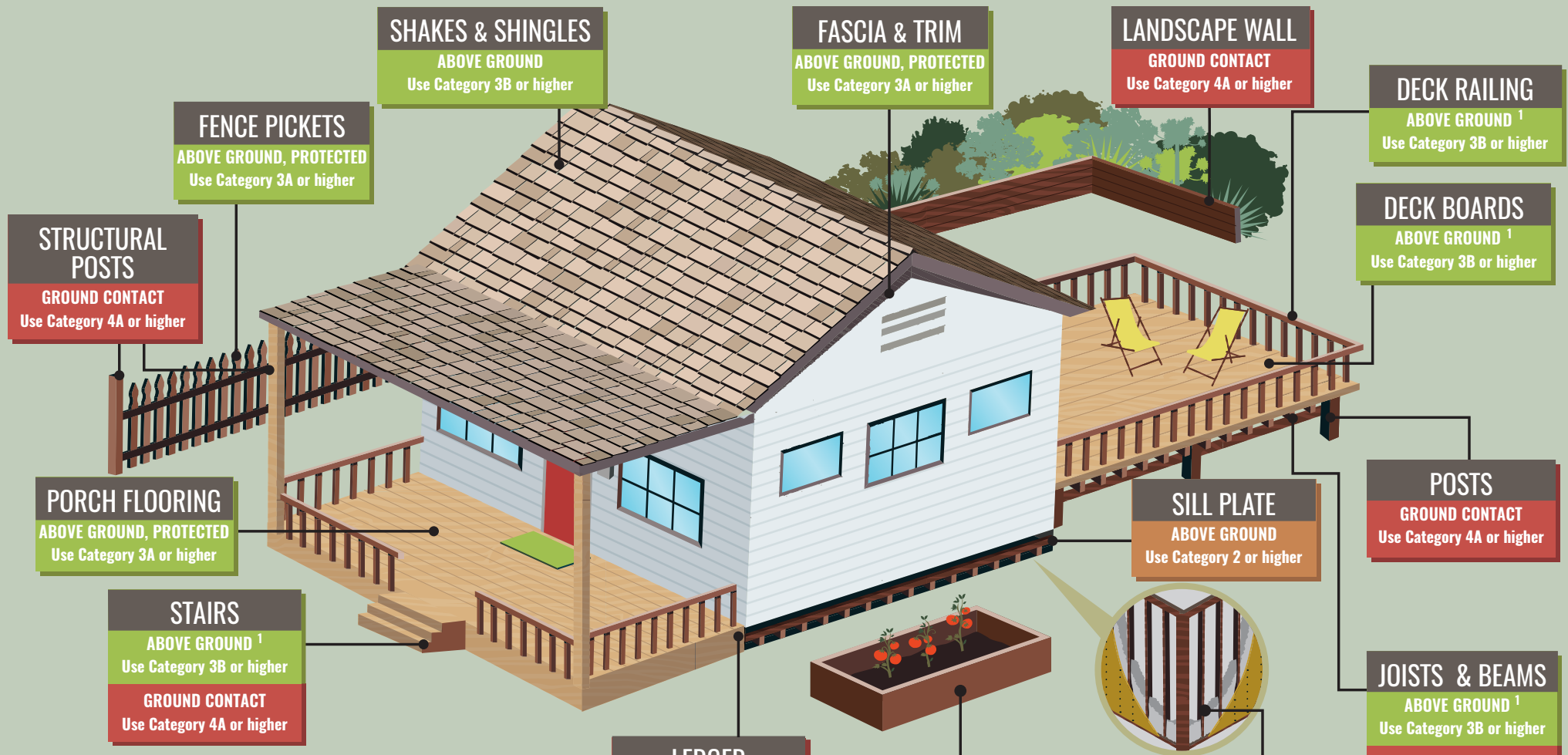
—SELECT THE RIGHT PRESERVED WOOD FOR YOUR PROJECT—



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 [1]
Use Category 3B or higher

FENCE PICKETS
ABOVE GROUND, PROTECTED
Use Category 3A or higher

DECK BOARDS
ABOVE GROUND [1]
Use Category 3B or higher

STRUCTURAL POSTS
GROUND CONTACT
Use Category 4A or higher

PORCH FLOORING
ABOVE GROUND, PROTECTED
Use Category 3A or higher

SILL PLATE
ABOVE GROUND
Use Category 2 or higher

POSTS
GROUND CONTACT
Use Category 4A or higher

STAIRS
ABOVE GROUND [1]
Use Category 3B or higher
GROUND CONTACT
Use Category 4A or higher

JOISTS & BEAMS
ABOVE GROUND [1]
Use Category 3B or higher
GROUND CONTACT
Use Category 4A or higher

LEDGER
GROUND CONTACT [1]
Use Category 4A or higher

GARDEN BOX
GROUND CONTACT
Use Category 4A or higher

PERMANENT WOOD FOUNDATION
GROUND CONTACT
Use Category 4B or higher

[1] **Above Ground** components that may be required to be preserved for ground contact include joists and beams that are difficult to replace and critical to the structure or components that may be exposed to ground contact type hazards due to climate, artificial or natural processes or construction.

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.

AMERICAN WOOD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (AWPA) PRESERVED WOOD USE CATEGORIES

UC2 Interior Construction, above ground, damp

UC3 Above Ground, exterior construction
UC3A - Coated, rapid water runoff
UC3B - Uncoated, poor water runoff [1]

UC4 Ground Contact, fresh water
UC4A – General use [1]
UC4B – Heavy duty

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

To ensure quality, check the end tag for the third-party inspection mark next to the CheckMark or ICC-ES Mark.

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