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## Storage & Handling of Engineered Wood Products

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Louisiana-Pacific (LP) SolidStart Engineered Wood Products (EWP) are intended to resist the effects of moisture on structural performance from normal construction delays, but not from long term or permanent exposure to weather. Like all wood products, LP EWP products can swell, even with the additional protection provided by factory applied sealants. Please use the following guidelines for storage and handling.

- Inspect product wrap for tears before storing units. Re-staple loose wrap and re-cover or repair any torn wrap.
- Keep product stored in wrapped and strapped units, with units stacked no more than 10-feet high. Support and separate units with 2x4 (or larger) stickers/dunnage spaced no more than 10-feet apart. Keep stickers/dunnage in line vertically up the stack.
- EWP products should be stored as high off of the ground as possible, preferably a minimum of 8 to 12-inches. EWP products must not be stored in contact with the ground or have prolonged direct weather exposure. Avoid storing EWP products in areas of standing water.
- EWP products that have been exposed to moisture should be allowed to dry properly before recovering or rewrapping to avoid a “greenhouse” effect
- Rotate unit inventories. Observe first in, first out (FIFO) shipping practices.
- Long length units will “rainbow” when lifted in the center, potentially pulling and tearing the wrap. Consider stocking shorter lengths to minimize the “rainbow” effect, or using wider forklift fork spacing (8 to 12 feet between forks) for better unit support.
- Additional tarping may be necessary for longer term storage in wet environments.
- EWP products will gray from prolonged direct exposure to the UV rays in sunlight. Covering EWP products protects against elements from both the weather and sun.
- Mold can occur on EWP products, like any other wood product, and is an indication of excessive moisture conditions. Remediation practices can be employed. Please contact your LP Representative for information.
- Re-sealing cut ends of EWP products will minimize end swell, if exposed to moisture.

Please refer to the LP SolidStart Technical Guides and Installation Detail sheets for additional information on product handling and storage. For further questions, please contact your LP Representative for more information.

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California Prop 65 Warning: Use of this product may result in exposure to wood dust, known to the State of California to cause cancer.
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