

# Myth vs. TRUTH

- Wood preservative treatments are not effective against termites.* ➤ **Termites don't damage properly treated and installed framing lumber.** Nearly all termite damage, in Hawaii, affects untreated wood.
- Wood is more expensive than other building materials.* ➤ Wood is affordable, design flexible, and preferred by most builders. **Over 90% of all homes in the United States and Canada are built from wood,** and it is the most widely used and cost effective building material in use today.
- Wood is not as strong or durable a building material.* ➤ **Wood homes and buildings are among the oldest standing structures built by man.** Lumber's solid dimensions are more durable. Properly built and treated wood framed homes in Hawaii are built to last a lifetime.
- Lumber harvesting is damaging our forests.* ➤ Most lumber today is NOT taken from public forests, but from replanted private lands like other crops used for human use. **Lumber produced from harvested trees is the ONLY renewable and sustainable building material.**
- Logging is damaging to a healthy world environment.* ➤ **There are more trees growing today than 100 years ago.** Today's managed forest lands with fast growing trees remove more pollutants from the air than older slow growing forests and provide healthier environmental benefits for everyone.

**WOOD FRAMED STRUCTURES HAVE WITHSTOOD THE TEST OF TIME IN HAWAII'S CLIMATE CONDITIONS.**

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