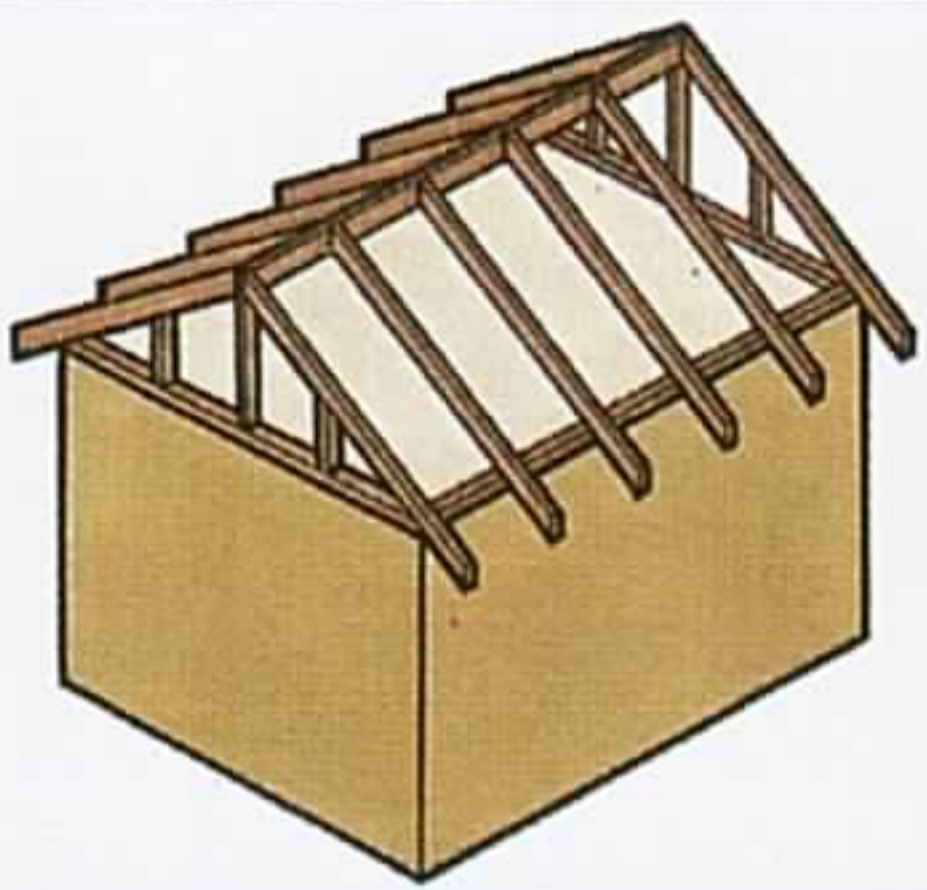
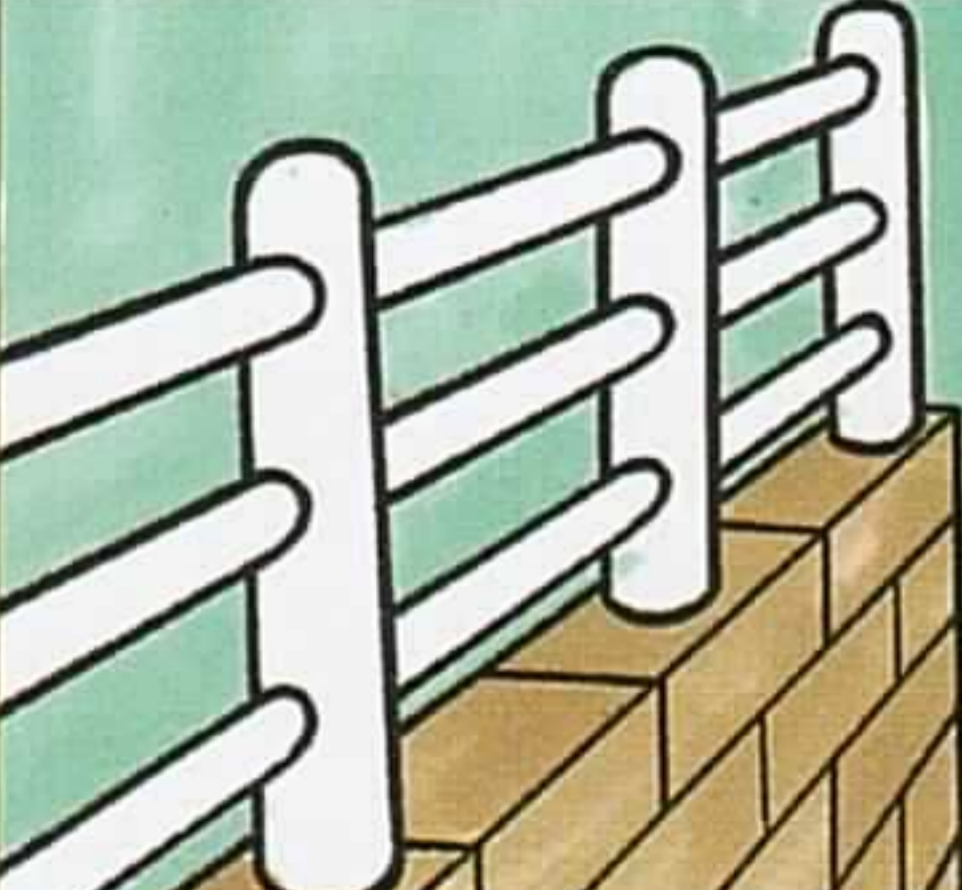
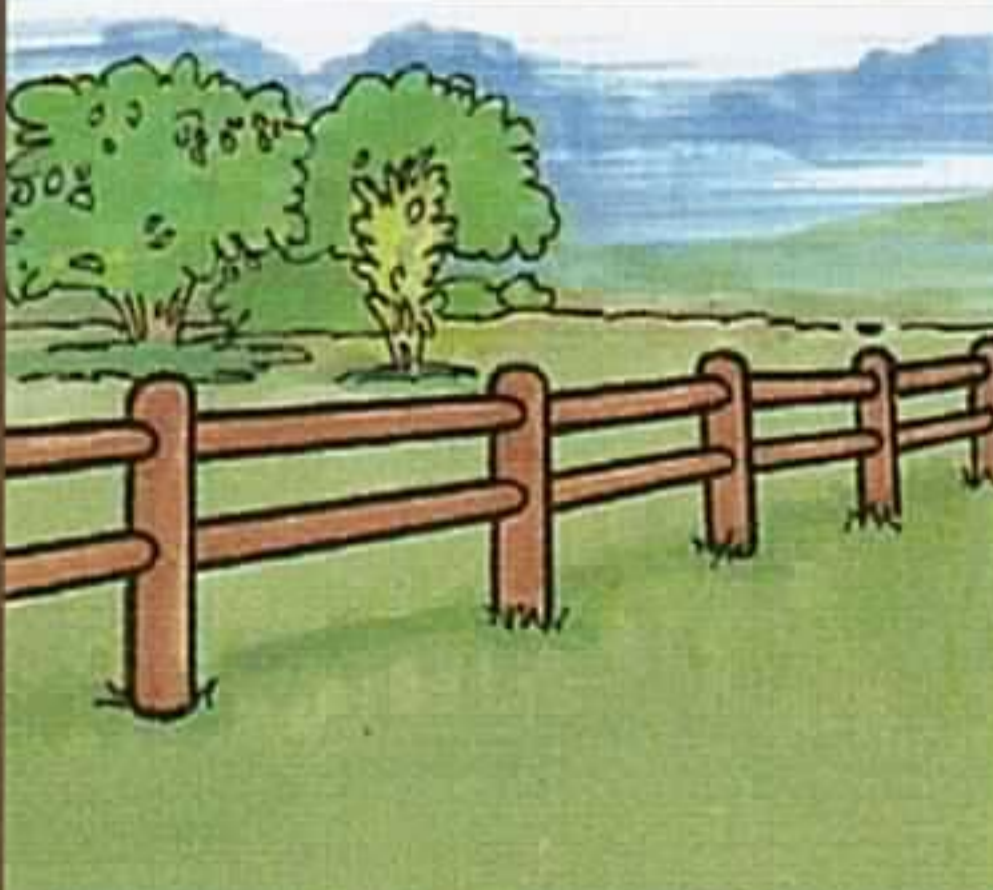
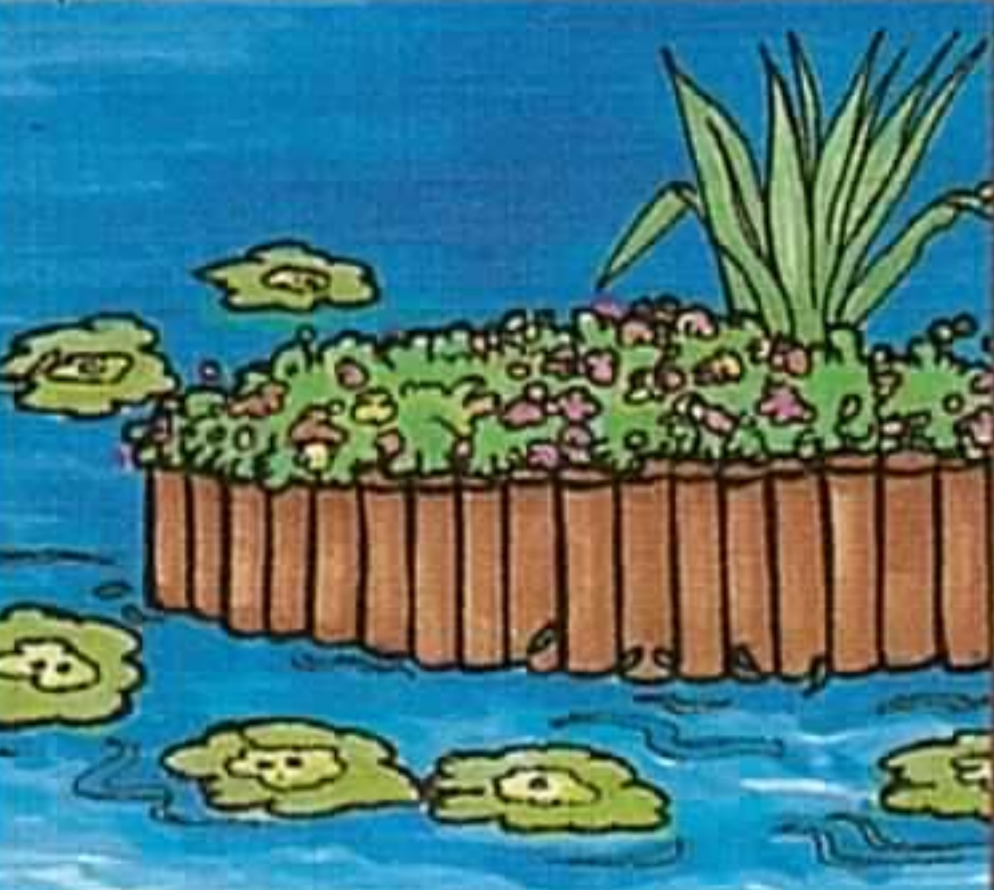
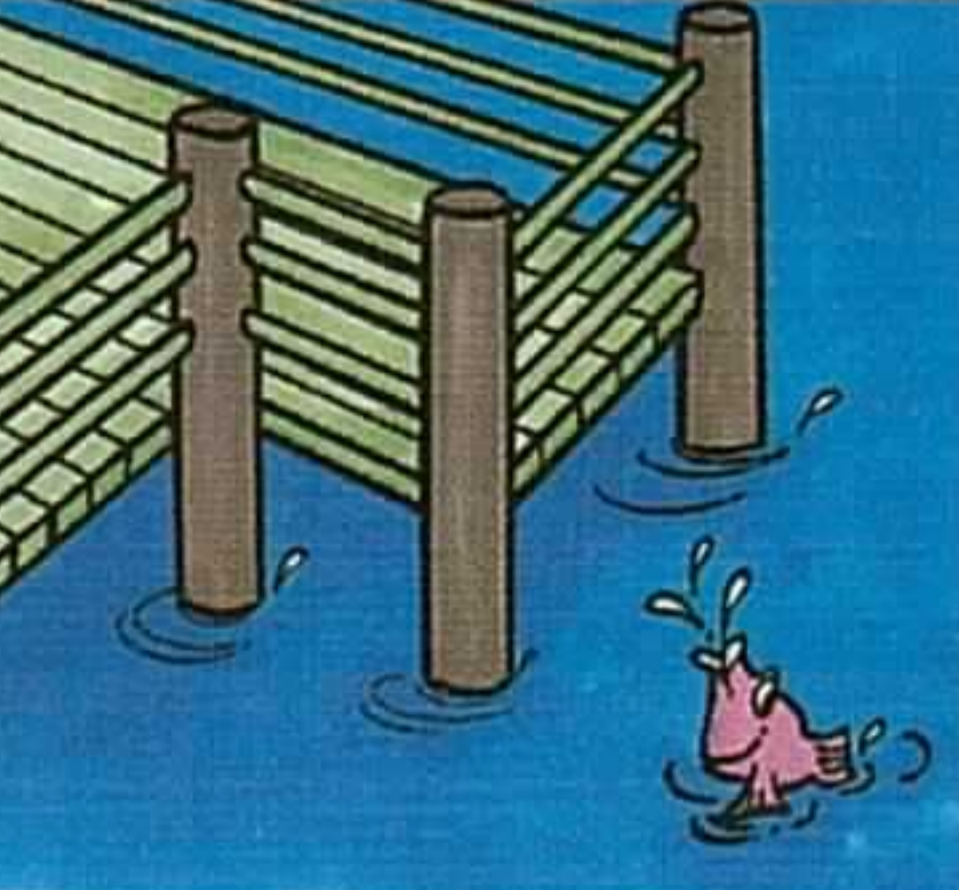


# PURCHASING TREATED TIMBER

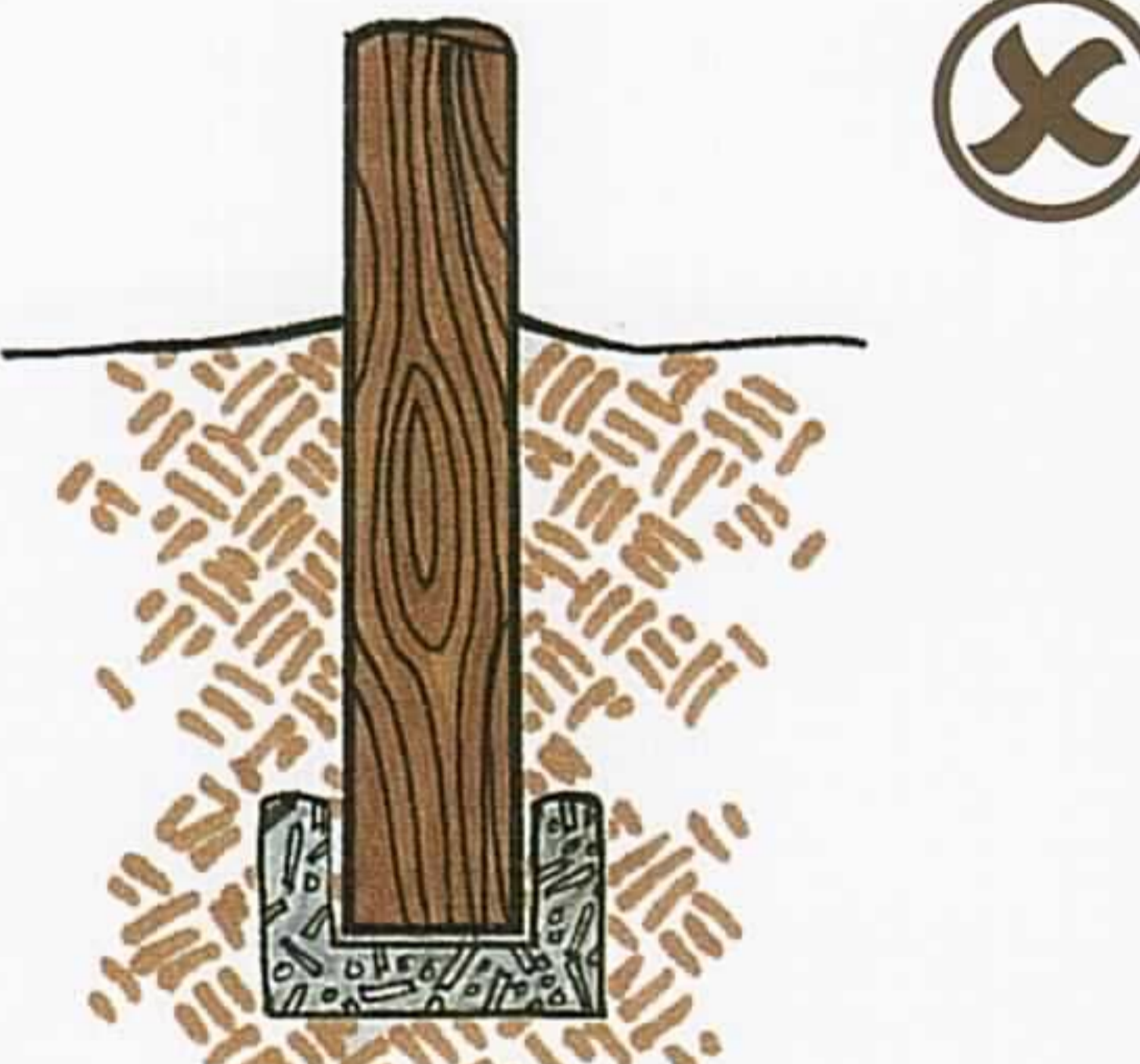
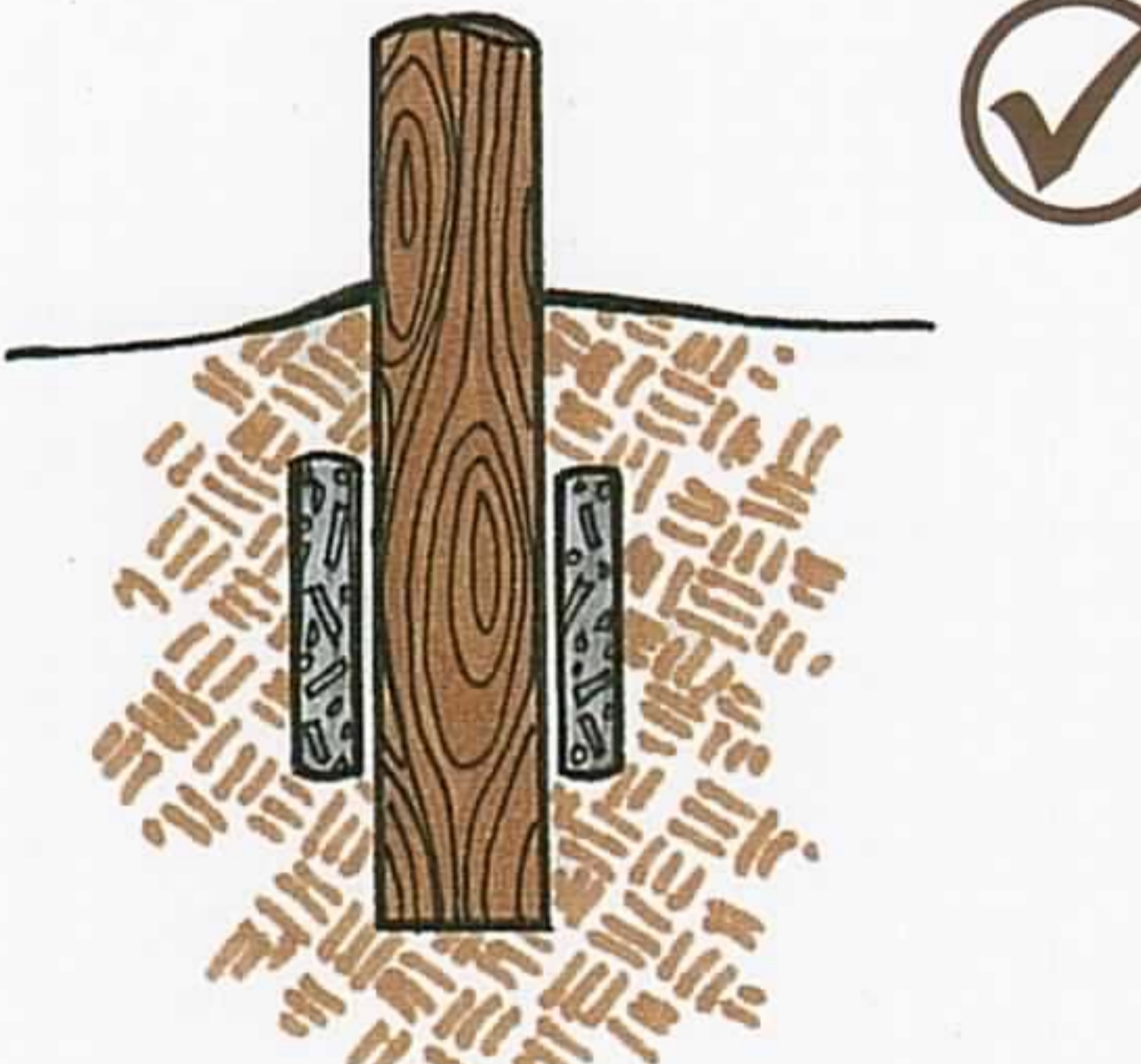
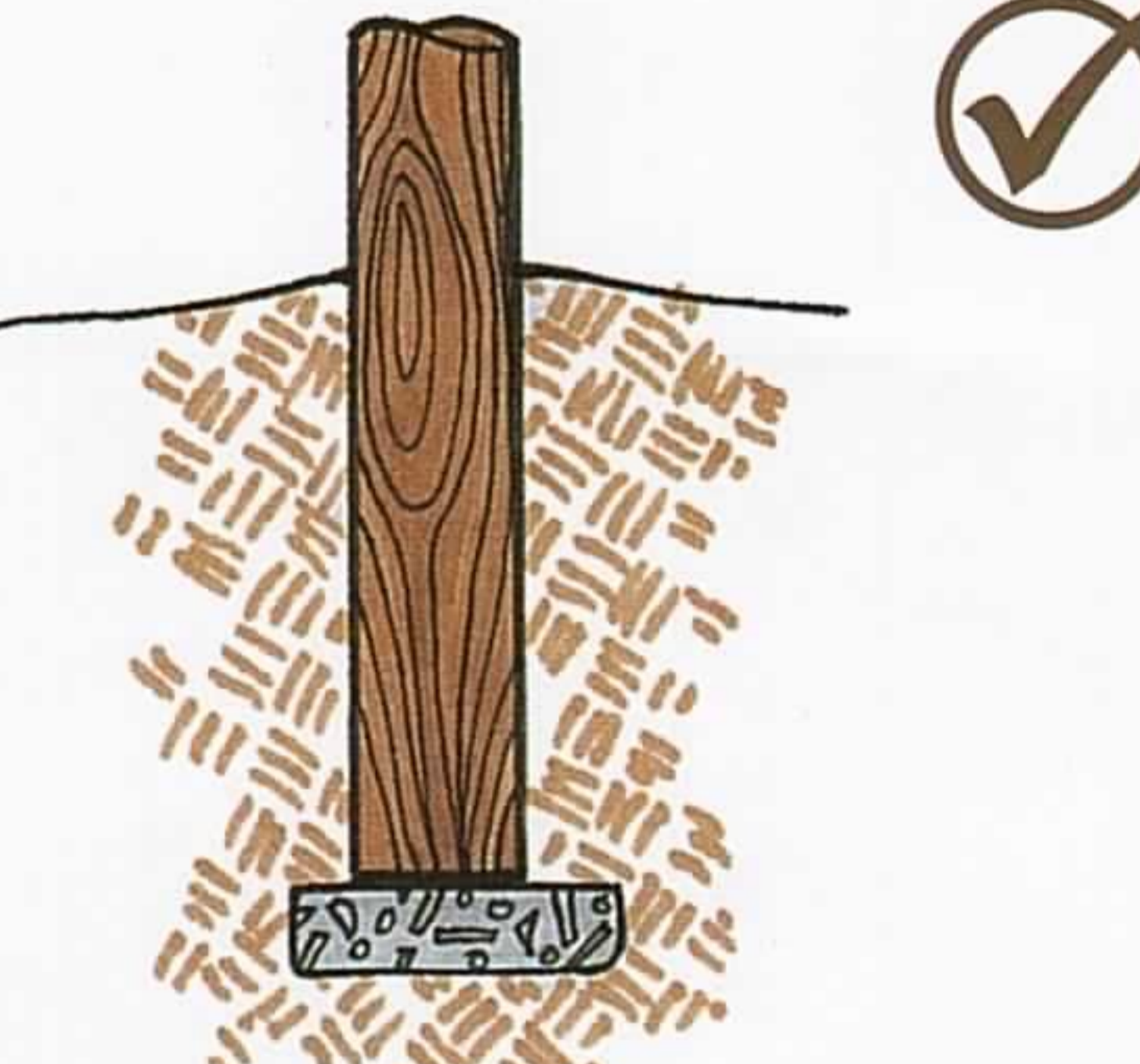
The treated timber which you have purchased has been prepared in terms of a South African National Standards specification. The specification not only ensures a minimum standard but also provides a guide for end-use application through a Hazard Classification symbol on the timber.

Your treated timber will be marked with one of the symbols listed below:-

HAZARD CLASS SYMBOL	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6
END USE APPLICATION	Internal	External Above Ground	In Ground Contact	In Fresh Water / Wet Soils	In Sea Water
					

The science of treating timber properly, provides for the preservative to be deeply impregnated into the sapwood thereby giving a deep envelope of treatment around the central heartwood. It is preferable that your treated timber is purchased in the size in which you intend to use it. If this is not the case and you subsequently cut the timber, you may expose the untreated heartwood of the timber. It is important that to retain the integrity of the treatment that you liberally swab or brush a suitable preservative e.g. Creosote or CCA, onto the cut surface. The cut end of a post or stake should not be the end which you plant into the ground. Rather use the other uncut end.

If timber, e.g. a treated post is planted in the ground it is essential that you allow for drainage of rainwater through the timber

 <p>Do not enclose the planted end of the post in the concrete.</p>	 <p>If you need to use concrete then let the concrete form a collar around the post with the end of the post protruding through the concrete.</p>	 <p>If you plant the post on concrete at the bottom of the hole, let the concrete set before planting the post.</p>
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Treated Timber will give you many years of satisfactory service which will be extended even further with proper maintenance.

In order to give you the assurance of our good quality initiatives, not only is the timber which you have purchased, prepared in terms of a SANS specification, we are also members of the South African Wood Preservers Association (SAWPA) giving support to their aims and objectives.

We and SAWPA together have a deep interest in the satisfactory use of the treated timber you have purchased. You know how to contact us but if you wish to contact SAWPA on any issue relating to the use of treated timber you can contact them directly - See below.