

Freight Companies Price Gouge in Wake of Hurricane Irma

Hurricane Irma and Harvey Create Shippers Market

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[/EINPresswire.com/](http://EINPresswire.com/) -- With more than

6.3 Million people being ordered to

evacuate some of the shipments were

slowed down. Others just completely

stopped all together, but anything that

made it out was gouged in pricing. In the

last minutes of Irma truck drivers abandoned previously scheduled pickups in order to take advantage

of others misfortune and need to move items before the hurricane hit. Other shipments were still

shipped at much higher rates. Previously scheduled shipments that were quoted at \$1350 went up to

over \$4000.



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I am not sure if it is capitalism at its finest or greed at its worst. Regardless many shipments did not make it out in time.”

Steven Rossi

Many drivers decided to take advantage of the sellers' market and requested astronomical rates for shipping. It seemed at times that it was the last boat off an island and rates were being charged as high as anyone could afford. It felt like a titanic situation.

Can you really fault people for wanting to make the most money possible? I guess not. Regardless some orders were slowed down as much as a week. In the week after finding a

reasonable rate for shipping is still very difficult, as drivers and companies seem to be trying to ride the wave of misfortune some more.

On a call to [freight center](#) we were actually told that it wasn't even worth posting some shipments to the shipment board. Much of the ipe wood that [Ipe Woods USA](#) had scheduled for shipment is still sitting in Florida waiting for rates to stabilize.

These circumstances for Ipe Woods USA are extremely rare. They are committed to working with customers on all their [ipe decking](#) orders. Any orders that were held up or are held up, the customer has been made aware and they have been given additional options.

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