

Why have rags gotten so expensive?

When you get a wiping rag from us, it typically starts as clothing that was donated to a nonprofit. It goes to a large facility in a foreign port to be sorted into various categories, and sold in bulk to customers all over the world. Below are several aspects that have become major stresses in the marketplace.



Donations

GIVING DOWN 50%

Since the start of the pandemic, charitable giving of clothes to nonprofits is down by half.



Nonprofits

PRICES UP 100%

With a shortage of goods, nonprofits are charging more, all the while demand has remained the same.

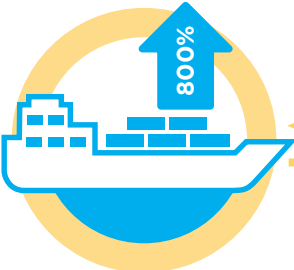
Clothes not sold by nonprofits are sent to foreign countries, because of their lower labor costs, then sorted into rags and other categories.



Less Product

from FOREIGN DISTRIBUTORS
DOWN 50%

The diminished supply from American and European nonprofits only create more pressure to increase prices.



Freight

COSTS UP 800%

Petroleum is up and so are shipping costs to and from foreign ports. A shipped container costs 800% more than it did in 2019.



Holding Supplies Hostage

INCREASED COST PRESSURES

Because of the decreased supply in the market, some unscrupulous vendors are holding their customers hostage demanding higher prices.



Market Uncertainty

INCREASED COST PRESSURES

The pandemic had already disrupted the supply chain. The war in Ukraine and trucking strikes at our borders have only increased market and price instability.

We will always provide the best price and service possible, but the current market is extremely volatile. We appreciate your understanding through this uncertain and difficult time.

