



Please don't shoot the messenger!!

I am not making this stuff up and it is not getting any better.

The insecurity in building material supply is beginning to move from price to availability. Don't get me wrong - prices are still high and increasing, but now we are having more issues with availability.

Trucking is an issue. There are just not enough flat bed truck drivers to handle the volume of construction going on across the country.

The Suez Canal blockage is clear now, but the ramifications are yet to come. There were more than a quarter million containers that were delayed.

Moldings from Chile and the rest of South America are also running late. Some distributors are out of some items already. Prices are moving up.

Huber is still not back to shipping Advantech on a normal pace.

OSB is not available in the secondary market and some lumber yards are struggling to meet the demand. This is pushing the price on any available loads into space. Some OSB has been sold on the open market at over \$50 a sheet. Prices in the southeast are actually about 20% lower on OSB than the rest of the country, which leads me to believe that we will see more increases.

As an alternative, we have beefed up our inventory of black board and foam sheathing. It does take some special care with installation and only works in certain areas, but it is much less expensive. For now, that is.

Interior door manufacturers have announced another price increase.

Hang in there! Price your projects accordingly. Know your costs. If left alone, the market will adjust.

Thanks!

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