

When the Trucks Stop Delivering, 'The System' Will Collapse

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Collectively speaking, most Americans take for granted the system in place to deliver essential supplies to their area. "The system," an underlying infrastructure that keeps goods, services and commerce in America flowing creates a sense of normalcy and order. Food, water, gasoline and medications are just a few of the items restocked weekly in order for our dependent society to maintain a steady flow. What many fail to grasp is just how fragile the system is and just how quickly it can collapse.

Our transportation systems are one of the weakest links in the system. Mac Slavo explains:

A 2012 report prepared for legislators and business leaders by the [American Trucking Associations](#) highlights just how critical our just-in-time inventory and delivery systems are, and assesses the impact on the general population in the event of an emergency or incident of national significance that disrupts the truck transportation systems which are responsible for carrying some ten billion tons of commodities and supplies across the United States each year.

A shutdown of truck operations as a result of elevated threat levels, terrorist attacks, or pandemics would, according to the report, have "a swift and devastating impact on the food, healthcare, transportation, waste removal, retail, manufacturing, and financial sectors."

So too would events such as an EMP attack or a coordinated cyber-attack that could shut down global positioning systems and the computers responsible for inventory control.

The report goes on to explain that **consumer fear and panic will exacerbate shortages**. News of a truck stoppage—whether on the local level, state or regional level, or nationwide—will spur hoarding and drastic increases in consumer purchases of essential goods. Shortages will materialize quickly and could lead to civil unrest.

What the following graphic will demonstrate is just how quickly the descent will be. **When the trucks in America stop, all commerce and delivery stops with it.**

To avoid falling into this recipe for disaster, use the information presented in this graphic as a guideline to being self-reliant. Listed within the graphic are critical supplies that will disappear off the shelves at the first signs of this disaster.

These are the items you want to stock up on before the trucks stop delivering.

IF TRUCKS STOPPED:



DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE AFFECTED AREA WILL CEASE.

HOSPITALS WILL RUN OUT OF BASIC SUPPLIES.

SERVICE STATIONS WILL BEGIN TO RUN OUT OF FUEL.

MANUFACTURERS USING JUST-IN-TIME MANUFACTURING WILL DEVELOP COMPONENT SHORTAGES.

U.S. MAIL AND OTHER PACKAGE DELIVERY WILL CEASE. WITHIN ONE DAY, FOOD SHORTAGES WILL BEGIN TO DEVELOP.

AUTOMOBILE FUEL AVAILABILITY AND DELIVERY WILL DWINDLE, LEADING TO SKYROCKETING PRICES AND LONG LINES AT GAS PUMPS.



FOOD SHORTAGES WILL ESCALATE, ESPECIALLY IN THE FACE OF HORDING AND CONSUMER PANIC.

SUPPLIES OF ESSENTIALS, SUCH AS BOTTLED WATER, POWDERED MILK, AND CANNED MEAT AT MAJOR RETAILERS WILL DISAPPEAR.

ATMS WILL RUN OUT OF CASH AND BANKS WILL BE UNABLE TO PROCESS TRANSACTIONS.

SERVICE STATIONS WILL COMPLETELY RUN OUT OF FUEL.

GARBAGE WILL START PILING UP IN URBAN AND SUBURBAN AREAS.

CONTAINER SHIPS WILL SIT IDLE IN PORTS AND RAIL TRANSPORT WILL BE DISRUPTED, EVENTUALLY COMING TO A STANDSTILL.



AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL WILL CEASE DUE TO THE LACK OF FUEL.

HOSPITALS WILL BEGIN TO EXHAUST OXYGEN SUPPLIES.



CLEAN WATER SUPPLY WILL BEGIN TO RUN DRY.



THE NATION'S CLEAN WATER SUPPLY WILL BE EXHAUSTED.



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