



8 PROBLEMS FIXED

with Yard Management Software

A Yard Management System can fix many problems for your yard operations. Below are the Easy 8.



The Yard can be a complex and messy extension of your warehouse and overall operation. Securing the right Yard Management System for the operation and your team can make a powerful impact on results.



ACCURATE INVENTORY

Your yard is a dynamic, complex, and a fast moving area of your overall operation. Keeping up with the minute by minute changes in the Yard can be difficult, if not impossible without great tools. White boards, Excel spreadsheets, legacy systems, or maybe no real system at all can cause a variety of problems for your team and operations. YMS systems allow every department access to accurate, up to date information quickly and easily.



DETENTION AND DEMURRAGE FEES

Large operations can lose thousands of dollars per month on detention and demurrage fees. Worse yet, they may have no easy way to audit the charges that come in. Many YMS systems provide the ability to confirm or contest the fees. Better yet, you may allow the carrier access to some of the information themselves. System alerts, e-mails and text messages are sent to notify key personnel of approaching deadlines and fees. The best systems have a large arsenal of functionality that keep you informed so you can reduce and even eliminate fees altogether.



YARD DRIVER MANAGEMENT

It is hard to keep track of what the drivers are doing on the Yard beyond knowing that units are being moved to and from the doors. The more drivers you have, the harder it is. YMS systems track the who, what, when, where and how of the Yard drivers and their tasks. Hourly, daily, weekly and monthly metrics will keep your drivers accountable. Information is rolled up and available to identify opportunities and gain efficiencies in the yard.



THE "HE SAID, SHE SAID" BATTLE

We have found that accountability is the key to great relationships in the work place. When all parties are aware that their work is being recorded and available for later review, things begin to run a whole lot smoother. We have even seen the inside and outside personnel grow in their respect and relationships with each other because honesty and integrity are a part of the equation.



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METRICS AND KPI REPORTING

How many trailers entered the Yard today? How many exited? How many storage trailers are on the Yard? How long have they been there? How long does it take to unload a trailer? How long to Load? This is all standard information in a YMS system and available with a few clicks of your mouse. Or have it delivered to your inbox daily without ever accessing the system. Just take a look on your phone. Powerful metrics are available to anyone with access at any time.

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REACTIVE VS. PROACTIVE MANAGEMENT

We all know it costs more time and money reacting to an issue rather than averting it before it occurs. YMS systems notify you of approaching events that need to be addressed, before they are an issue. Text messages, visual displays, recurring reports delivered to your inbox, and e-mail alerts keep you ahead of the problems that lead to wasted time and money.

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EMPLOYEE TURNOVER

Empowering your staff with the right tools and expectations helps them to succeed and feel proud of their accomplishments and responsibilities. Without the right tools and information your team may feel that it is impossible to perform the duties as expected. You may agree with them, but you have people to answer to as well. Give them what they need to get the job done, and all parties benefit from the success. Retention levels rise, and training time is reduced. Benefits abound when you can keep the same team on staff and growing with your operation.

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SHIPPER OF CHOICE

It is a competitive market in transportation today and the Carriers have a lot of power in deciding who they do business with. The only place they visit (besides your restrooms) is the yard. If your operation isn't well organized you may lose money and good partners. A YMS can help you become a shipper of choice by managing the Yard and your transportation partners time more effectively. This can lead to choosing who you do business with and getting the best out of those relationships.