

THE **SPOOKY** TRUTH

ABOUT **RENTED** SHOP TOWELS

Even though laundered shop towels are expected to be clean, nothing could be further from the truth.

Did you know rental shop towels contain heavy metals?

Recent research by Gradient, a leading environmental consulting firm, shows that shop towels contain high metal contamination levels after laundering. In fact, at least 18 different types of heavy metal residue were found on 100% of the laundered shop towels tested.

In the industrial environment, metal contamination is often thought of as an airborne, respiratory hazard. However, metals can also represent an ingestion risk.

The Gradient study establishes that metal residue on "clean" laundered shop towels can transfer to hands during use, then to the face and mouth where they can become an ingestion hazard.



Contaminants like lead, cadmium, iron, antimony, oil, grease, zinc, toluene and xylene have a well-earned reputation for contributing to a wide range of health issues.

The problem is, workers cannot see, smell or feel heavy metal contaminants on shop towels, so they may ultimately ingest the toxic metal residue from hand-to-mouth movements without knowing it.

This is a significant issue, as chronic metal exposure, at sufficient doses, could result in various negative health effects including cancer and reproductive problems.

Don't believe us? Ask your laundry service for the SDS sheet on your rented shops towels.

ARE YOU SPOOKED YET?

If not, keep reading...

So you're paying a set usage fee per towel?

It doesn't usually end there. You can also have environmental charges, replacement charges and much more.

The additional fees can increase your overall cost of the shop towel by as much as 25% or more.

As many as 6 additional charges are involved with laundered rental shop towel services besides the actual fee for the towel:

Damage fees, energy charges, delivery charges, replacement fees & environmental surcharges

HIDDEN CHARGES ADD UP...

Results of In-Use Cost Comparison Study

Premium Non-woven Wipers and Rental Shop Towels

Item:	Cost Range	
	Wipers	RSTs
Base Cost	Up to 15¢	5¢ – 15¢
Environmental Surcharge	–	2¢
Delivery/Fuel/Energy Surcharge	–	up to 5¢
Replacement Charges – 5%-10% of monthly inventory	–	40¢ or more per towel
Potential Disposal Cost, depending on generator status	Approx. 2¢ per wiper	–