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Please do not legalize camping on public property without restriction. For about a year, a small homeless camp has been hoarding garbage and smoking meth a few blocks from us here in SE Portland. I have started to call 311 every day for a cleanup. What could it possibly be costing to have someone out to clean up after them daily? \$500 a day?

After the City cleans it up, the next morning there is another 100 foot long swath of lawn ornaments, stolen garbage cans, and random commercial garbage items strewn along the sidewalk across from their camp. They muck around in it and fight at various times of the day.

They have blocked sidewalks while my kid had a broken leg, requiring him to crutch in the traffic lane to the bus stop to go around their camp.

I'm afraid to let my son (at 16 years old!) out after dark because they smoke meth, and scream a lot. I think that they could be unpredictable, and harm him. It's stressful.

My son can't wait to leave town. He has plans to leave, and it has been sad seeing him become disillusioned with what I hoped would be a nice childhood home for him.

Please, please, don't subject the whole state to this. It's gross. Find another way to help people, and to help them live off the streets.