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End camping on our streets immediately. The rainy season has begun and temperatures dropping while the unhoused are left on sidewalks and in our green spaces. Not only is this inhumane to the homeless, but it is unfair to the public-at-large that shanty towns have created a travesty of garbage, drug abuse and human waste all over Portland.

It is long past time that designated areas be defined and the homeless directed off of public spaces to these areas. The idea of building low-cost housing is an honorable goal, but it will take years to materialize. This is a crisis situation that can not wait. Designated camping areas could provide public restrooms & showers, laundry facilities, and a common heated area (such as a shared tent shelter).

Crime and drug abuse compound the problem, however enforcement of rules within the designated camping areas could help to minimize lawlessness.

It is time to DO SOMETHING RIGHT NOW!!!!

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