

Building Inspections - Park Avenue

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Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Abby Laplante and I live at 94 Park Avenue in Portland. I wanted to bring to your attention a debris problem in my neighborhood.

I have attached two pictures for your reference. I apologize for their poor quality but I hope they give you a sense of the problem we're dealing with here. The first picture is a burst trash bag in the backyard of 88 Park Avenue. The second picture is an overflowing dumpster in the parking lot of 85 Grant Street. These are the two views from outside my living room window right now.

Sadly, these views are not uncommon here. I bring them to your attention now because I am experiencing a roach problem in my apartment. Although I keep my own home clean, I don't think we'll ever get rid of the pest problem if the area surrounding the building is covered in trash. My landlord's response to letting them know about the problem was to enter my apartment without my permission and lay roach traps without my knowledge: no note, no phone call, nothing (I only found out about them when I found the discarded packaging in my trash).

Filth is an ongoing problem in this admittedly low-income neighborhood. The snowbanks along Park Avenue are covered in feces. The sidewalks are lined with trash and recycling that has drifted out of receptacles. I would appreciate it if the city could do something about this.

This is not the first time I've had roaches living on Park Avenue. Living at 94 Park Ave., I observed a live rat outside the back door of my apartment building last summer. I'm a 30 year-old professional who works at a law firm downtown and I've had enough of paying \$800.00 a month to live in filth (comparable apartments in this building go for \$850-\$900). If there's anything the city can do, I would certainly appreciate it. Please contact me at any time.

Thank you - Abby
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