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Please do not allow homeless encampments in homeowners backyards!

Tent encampments that have been roaming around churches for the past few years have rules and regulations that their homeless 'campers' must adhere to. If people are allowed to host homeless in their backyards, who will create and enforce the rules and regulations? Are the police going to be called to 'evict' people if a homeowner can't get someone to leave because they broke their rules?

Showing compassion is not as simple as just opening your backyard. Some people might be very diligent in 'screening' those who camp over. Others will not. Some will reinforce the rules set by the homeowner, others will not. Some will make sure there are no drugs/alcohol consumed, others will not. Some will make sure garbage will be properly disposed of, others will not. Are we going to start to see port-a-potties in backyards? Who is going to make sure these are properly cleaned and emptied? Other tent encampments, such as one in Ballard and then the infamous "Jungle" are ridden with human feces, garbage and drug paraphernalia. It is a real health hazard as well as a safety hazard for children.

There are a variety of reasons people are homeless, ranging from choosing to be homeless to experiencing dire financial situations, to mental illness, drugs and alcohol addiction. Homeless people, who have addictions to drug and alcohol, rely on theft to support their habits. Having had my car hit many times already, I certainly don't want to see an increase in theft in Shoreline.

Is homelessness a big problem? Yes. Is it getting worse? Yes. However, allowing people to host homeless people in tents in their backyards is not the way to go. It might be a kind gesture, but there are so many other health and safety problems that could follow.

This is not something Shoreline should endorse! No to backyard homeless camps!
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