

Don't blame apartment dwellers for garbage 'crisis'

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To the editor:

Re: Apply waste rules to all residents equally, Kathy Turnpenny letter, March 14.

I am having a hard time believing that someone can actually blame residents of apartments for our garbage and recycling "crisis." Give your head a good hard shake!

For starters, why is Kathy Turnpenny complaining about someone examining your garbage when it is not even happening? That's pretty silly.

My wife and I live in an apartment. We were homeowners until my wife was diagnosed with lung cancer and has been off work now for almost three years out of her 17 years working at the same company and then I was laid off from my job of 14 years. So here we are, in our apartment struggling to make ends meet. Our recycling bins outside of our building are always full. And guess what, if anyone does throw out recycling with their garbage, our superintendent is on top of it. Heck, we even have a kitty litter bin out back. Do you? Who is monitoring your garbage right now? No one. So, we do actually have someone monitoring what refuse goes where. Again, do you? Does anyone check what is in your green garbage bags? I thought not.

But hey, if it makes you feel better to blame people who live in apartments for homeowners' garbage woes, I guess that is your prerogative.

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