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Randy,

I have several concerns regarding my unit at 1331 Selkirk Avenue. My biggest concern at this point is that the only fire escape from the basement is blocked. With so many faulty outlets in my unit and I assume the other units as well, fire is a real concern. Also, each time someone moved out of the unit next door, they left garbage and/or appliances in the stairwell for me to clean up. This year when I had the old appliance removed, I spent hours down there removing dirt that had washed down the stair well in previous years. Two days after I completed this, I opened the basement door to let some fresh air in and, I found that two large boxes blocked the exit. I am concerned about getting out of the basement in case of fire and I am frustrated that after all my work, I still can't use that entrance.

The next issue I would like to address is the lawnmower. It has been more than a year since I have been able to use the lawnmower. After waiting many months the rope on the lawnmower was fixed but we were still unable to start it. I paid some people to take a look at it and they said that they tried a new spark plug and everything else they could think of but that the machine would not start. They also said that it would require extensive repairs before it would be useable. I brought the lawnmower back to my unit after speaking with you and was under the impression that you would get it fixed. When I got home from camping I found that you had dropped off two spark plugs. I am sure that I will have no better luck changing the spark plug than the people I paid especially since I have no tools and do not understand the mechanics of a lawnmower. I would like to maintain this yard properly but it needs to be mowed twice a week and it usually takes a week or two to track down a mower I can use. The other problem with borrowing a mower is that I drive a car and it is not suitable for transporting lawnmowers. We will also need to build/buy a small shed to keep the mower and other yard maintenance tools.

Finally, I would like to improve the appearance of my unit and I have some requests. I requested a small bag of grass seed to fill the patches in the front and to seed at the side of the house. I used some old seed at the side of the house and noticed that it came in a different colour than the grass in the front yard. I have no idea what type of seed I used in the front yard so I will have to live with the difference in colour there; but, I think a large bag of seed would make more sense so that I can finish the side and the back with the same type of grass. Draught resistant seed would be ideal; however, if the cost is substantially higher I can use regular seed. I have also attached the colours that I need to paint the outside of my unit. I prefer oil based paint and will need something to fill holes, some brushes, some trays and some rollers. Drop sheets and masking tape would also be helpful. I would really like to get this painting done before I go back to school in September but I will need to get Ray over to do some repairs in the back before I can paint out there.

Thank-you

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