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I am commenting as a longtime customer of the local water system in our apartment complex. The smell of chlorine is strongest when the weather turns hot, and it lingers on my hands after washing dishes. There is sometimes a faint rotten-egg odor when I run the hot water, which suggests something is wrong in the system. My kids refuse to drink the tap water because of a metallic aftertaste that appears after heavy rain. Runoff from road salt and fertilizers eventually reaches our water source, and I fear the long-term effect. Algae blooms in the reservoir have been reported, and I want to be sure toxins are properly screened for. Lead pipes and solder in older plumbing remain a serious risk, and homeowners need help identifying them. I have sensitive skin, and my dermatologist suggested that the chlorine and hardness may be contributing. Repeated pressure drops after any repair work on the street suggest that the distribution system needs serious investment. Independent third-party testing, at least once a year, would build much more trust in the numbers. Real-time monitoring data for turbidity and chlorine should be available on a public dashboard. If improvements are made, I would gladly share the results with neighbors and help spread the word.