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After over a decade here, I have developed strong opinions about the quality of our community water supply. There is sometimes a faint rotten-egg odor when I run the hot water, which suggests something is wrong in the system. The water in our toilet tank has a visible layer of grit that I have to scrub out regularly. There is a thin yellow tint in the bathtub water that I first noticed about about eight years ago. The level of disinfection byproducts in treated water should be disclosed clearly and in plain language. Nitrate levels from nearby farm runoff are a worry, especially for households with infants. People with weakened immune systems in our community need specific advisories whenever a problem is detected. A schedule for replacing lead service lines should be published, with clear dates and street-by-street progress. Repeated pressure drops after long weekends away suggest that the distribution system needs serious investment. I have started hauling jugs from the store, which is exhausting and not sustainable for an older person like me. Any rate increase should be tied directly to measurable improvements in water quality and reliability. I remain hopeful that, with proper funding and oversight, we can restore confidence in our water supply.