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Thank you for the chance to comment; water quality is a top priority for my household in the older part of the city. Even after boiling, the water keeps a chemical smell that does not go away. The smell of chlorine is strongest every spring, and it lingers on my hands after washing dishes. White scale builds up on our kettle, showerheads, and glassware much faster than it should. Runoff from road salt and fertilizers eventually reaches our water source, and I fear the long-term effect. Several neighbors have reported stomach upset that they suspect is linked to the water, though nobody can prove it. I requested a copy of our latest water quality report and found it full of jargon that no ordinary resident can interpret. Fishing and recreation on the nearby river depend on healthy source water, so protecting the watershed benefits everyone. At the last community meeting, many people raised their hands when asked if they use a filter at home. Neighbors in the south side talk about this issue constantly, and almost everyone has a story about odd-looking water. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I hope the feedback leads to concrete action.