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I run a small household budget and have noticed that water quality problems in our subdivision are costing us real money. Guests have commented on the taste of the water, and I am honestly a little embarrassed to serve it. I once filled a clear glass and found tiny particles floating in it, which really worried me. I worry about microplastics and pharmaceutical traces that standard treatment may not remove. As someone caring for an elderly parent, I need to be certain the water is safe for medications and cooking. People with weakened immune systems in our community need specific advisories whenever a problem is detected. Stormwater and sewer overflows near the intake worry me, and I would like to see separation projects accelerated. Repeated pressure drops in the early morning suggest that the distribution system needs serious investment. Aging pipes are likely the main cause of discoloration, and replacing them should be a funded priority. A whole-house filtration system quoted at several thousand dollars is out of reach for most people around me. The cost of constantly replacing the water heater and appliances because of scale adds up to a hidden tax. Affordable access to safe water ought to be treated as a basic public service, not a luxury. Our local library hosted a talk about water safety, and it was packed, which shows how much people care. Thank you for listening; the quality of our water touches every part of daily life.