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I run a small household budget and have noticed that water quality problems in our neighborhood are costing us real money.

Occasionally there is an earthy or musty taste to the water, especially after any repair work on the street.

I have stopped cooking rice and pasta with tap water because the flavor of the food changes.

Dishes come out of the dishwasher with a film on them no matter which detergent we use.

I am concerned about lead from old service lines, because many homes in our neighborhood were built decades ago.

We have had to buy bottled water for formula preparation because we do not trust the tap.

When a violation occurs, notifications must reach residents immediately by text, phone, and mail, not days later.

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.

Our local library hosted a talk about water safety, and it was packed, which shows how much people care.

Small businesses such as cafes and bakeries in the riverside district are also affected, because water taste matters for their products.

Thank you for listening; the quality of our water touches every part of daily life.