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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.

Ice cubes made from our tap water come out cloudy and carry a stale taste.

The water often has a noticeable chlorine smell in the winter, which makes it unpleasant to drink straight from the tap.

Coffee and tea made with this water taste flat and slightly bitter compared with what I make when I travel.

The level of disinfection byproducts in treated water should be disclosed clearly and in plain language.

My child developed skin irritation that cleared up only after we started using filtered water for baths.

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

Sampling locations should include older neighborhoods and not just the sites that are easiest to reach.

Rebates for filters and plumbing replacement would make a real difference for low-income households.

I installed a reverse osmosis system under the sink, but I resent paying for a fix that the utility should have handled.

Renters like me cannot replace pipes or fixtures, so we depend completely on the quality delivered to the building.

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.

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