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I am commenting as a longtime customer of the local water system in our neighborhood. The water often has a noticeable chlorine smell in the winter, which makes it unpleasant to drink straight from the tap. I worry about microplastics and pharmaceutical traces that standard treatment may not remove. I am concerned about lead from old service lines, because many homes in our small town were built decades ago. People with weakened immune systems in our community need specific advisories whenever a problem is detected. I have sensitive skin, and my dermatologist suggested that the chlorine and hardness may be contributing. As someone caring for an elderly parent, I need to be certain the water is safe for medications and cooking. Repeated pressure drops in the winter suggest that the distribution system needs serious investment. Independent third-party testing, at least once a year, would build much more trust in the numbers. At the last community meeting, many people raised their hands when asked if they use a filter at home. Our local library hosted a talk about water safety, and it was packed, which shows how much people care. I am willing to participate in any pilot program, survey, or focus group related to water quality.