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I run a small household budget and have noticed that water quality problems in the older part of the city are costing us real money.

The water often has a noticeable chlorine smell on some days but not others, which makes it unpleasant to drink straight from the tap.

I have seen brownish or rusty water come out of the faucet several times, usually on some days but not others.

My white sinks and tubs develop stubborn stains that no ordinary cleaner removes.

Radon and uranium in groundwater can be a hidden problem, and I do not think residents are informed enough.

Nitrate levels from nearby farm runoff are a worry, especially for households with infants.

I do not want to be an alarmist, but the uncertainty about long-term exposure makes it hard to feel at ease.

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.

The cost of constantly replacing the water heater and appliances because of scale adds up to a hidden tax.

Clean, safe, and good-tasting water is a reasonable expectation, and I hope we can meet it soon.