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I have been meaning to raise this for a while: the water quality in our small town has been inconsistent for twenty years. Guests have commented on the taste of the water, and I am honestly a little embarrassed to serve it. I worry about microplastics and pharmaceutical traces that standard treatment may not remove. The level of disinfection byproducts in treated water should be disclosed clearly and in plain language. Treatment plant upgrades have been delayed repeatedly, and residents are left to cope with the consequences. Aging pipes are likely the main cause of discoloration, and replacing them should be a funded priority. I tested my own water with a home kit, and the results did not match what the utility reports, which is troubling. The boil-water notice last year arrived after we had already been drinking the water for nearly a day. Rebates for filters and plumbing replacement would make a real difference for low-income households. Gardeners nearby have noticed that tap water leaves white residue on leaves and seems to stunt some plants. Our local library hosted a talk about water safety, and it was packed, which shows how much people care. If improvements are made, I would gladly share the results with neighbors and help spread the word.