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After three years here, I have developed strong opinions about the quality of water from the shared building supply.
Sediment collects at the bottom of our water pitcher within a day, and the filter turns dark in weeks.
Our family doctor asked whether we drink from the tap, which made me realize this is a real health question.
Several neighbors have reported stomach upset that they suspect is linked to the water, though nobody can prove it.
I have sensitive skin, and my dermatologist suggested that the chlorine and hardness may be contributing.
Many of the water mains in the east side of town are more than seventy years old and break far too often.
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.
Residents deserve to see trends over many years, not only a single snapshot of the current results.
Test results should be posted online in an easy-to-read format, not buried in a long annual report.
I have started hauling jugs from the store, which is exhausting and not sustainable for an older person like me.
A whole-house filtration system quoted at several thousand dollars is out of reach for most people around me.
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.