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My family relies on the water coming out of our taps, and lately we have had reasons to question whether it is truly safe.
Even after boiling, the water keeps a chemical smell that does not go away.
Dishes come out of the dishwasher with a film on them no matter which detergent we use.
My white sinks and tubs develop stubborn stains that no ordinary cleaner removes.
Runoff from road salt and fertilizers eventually reaches our water source, and I fear the long-term effect.
We have had to buy bottled water for formula preparation because we do not trust the tap.
Several neighbors have reported stomach upset that they suspect is linked to the water, though nobody can prove it.
I have watched crews dig up the same street three times in nearly thirty years, and each repair seems to stir up the water again.
Independent third-party testing, at least once a year, would build much more trust in the numbers.
Free home testing for lead and other contaminants should be offered to every household that asks.
We spend more than I would like on bottled water and filter cartridges every month.
Local schools should test their drinking fountains regularly and make the results public.
Neighbors in my building talk about this issue constantly, and almost everyone has a story about odd-looking water.
I would like to be notified of any follow-up meetings or public hearings on this topic.