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Having lived here for three years, I can say the quality of city water has gone up and down more than once.
The smell of chlorine is strongest in the winter, and it lingers on my hands after washing dishes.
My dog sniffs at the water bowl and walks away when I fill it from the tap, which tells me something is off.
I have seen brownish or rusty water come out of the faucet several times, usually after heavy rain.
The level of disinfection byproducts in treated water should be disclosed clearly and in plain language.
My child developed skin irritation that cleared up only after we started using filtered water for baths.
Our family doctor asked whether we drink from the tap, which made me realize this is a real health question.
I have sensitive skin, and my dermatologist suggested that the chlorine and hardness may be contributing.
Aging pipes are likely the main cause of discoloration, and replacing them should be a funded priority.
The cost of constantly replacing the water heater and appliances because of scale adds up to a hidden tax.
Affordable access to safe water ought to be treated as a basic public service, not a luxury.
Small businesses such as cafes and bakeries in our neighborhood are also affected, because water taste matters for their products.
I would like to be notified of any follow-up meetings or public hearings on this topic.