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After over a decade here, I have developed strong opinions about the quality of the water coming out of our taps.
Ice cubes made from our tap water come out cloudy and carry a stale taste.
The water runs cloudy for a few minutes during the summer months, and the haze takes a while to settle in a glass.
Nitrate levels from nearby farm runoff are a worry, especially for households with infants.
I am concerned about lead from old service lines, because many homes in our rural road were built decades ago.
Pregnant women and infants are the most vulnerable, so safety margins should be strict and well communicated.
Public health should be the first consideration when decisions are made about treatment and funding.
Dead-end lines in the older part of the city allow water to sit for long periods, which hurts its quality.
I have watched crews dig up the same street three times in about eight years, and each repair seems to stir up the water again.
Any rate increase should be tied directly to measurable improvements in water quality and reliability.
Many residents are not native English speakers, so notices should be translated into the common local languages.
Neighbors in the riverside district talk about this issue constantly, and almost everyone has a story about odd-looking water.
Please prioritize the oldest neighborhoods first, since they have lived with these problems the longest.