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After just under a year here, I have developed strong opinions about the quality of municipal tap water.
After a main break the water looked like weak tea for almost two days before it cleared.
There is a thin yellow tint in the bathtub water that I first noticed about five years ago.
I have seen brownish or rusty water come out of the faucet several times, usually after any repair work on the street.
Nitrate levels from nearby farm runoff are a worry, especially for households with infants.
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.
Stormwater and sewer overflows near the intake worry me, and I would like to see separation projects accelerated.
Clear explanations of what each limit means and how close our results come to it would help enormously.
When a violation occurs, notifications must reach residents immediately by text, phone, and mail, not days later.
Renters like me cannot replace pipes or fixtures, so we depend completely on the quality delivered to the building.
Rebates for filters and plumbing replacement would make a real difference for low-income households.
Small businesses such as cafes and bakeries in the older part of the city are also affected, because water taste matters for their products.
Fishing and recreation on the nearby river depend on healthy source water, so protecting the watershed benefits everyone.
Please prioritize the oldest neighborhoods first, since they have lived with these problems the longest.