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I have lived in our rural road for just under a year and I want to share my concerns about the quality of our drinking water.
The water often has a noticeable chlorine smell during the summer months, which makes it unpleasant to drink straight from the tap.
My dog sniffs at the water bowl and walks away when I fill it from the tap, which tells me something is off.
I once filled a clear glass and found tiny particles floating in it, which really worried me.
There is a thin yellow tint in the bathtub water that I first noticed about about eight years ago.
I have seen brownish or rusty water come out of the faucet several times, usually on some days but not others.
Nitrate levels from nearby farm runoff are a worry, especially for households with infants.
People with weakened immune systems in our community need specific advisories whenever a problem is detected.
I have sensitive skin, and my dermatologist suggested that the chlorine and hardness may be contributing.
Dead-end lines in the riverside district allow water to sit for long periods, which hurts its quality.
Stormwater and sewer overflows near the intake worry me, and I would like to see separation projects accelerated.
I would welcome volunteer citizen sampling programs that work together with the utility and local scientists.
The cost of constantly replacing the water heater and appliances because of scale adds up to a hidden tax.
Local schools should test their drinking fountains regularly and make the results public.
I look forward to seeing a clear timeline and measurable targets for better water quality.