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After seven years here, I have developed strong opinions about the quality of water from our private well.
The water often has a noticeable chlorine smell after the utility flushes the hydrants, which makes it unpleasant to drink straight from the tap.
Coffee and tea made with this water taste flat and slightly bitter compared with what I make when I travel.
The water runs cloudy for a few minutes after long weekends away, and the haze takes a while to settle in a glass.
Dishes come out of the dishwasher with a film on them no matter which detergent we use.
Algae blooms in the reservoir have been reported, and I want to be sure toxins are properly screened for.
The level of disinfection byproducts in treated water should be disclosed clearly and in plain language.
I am concerned about lead from old service lines, because many homes in our subdivision were built decades ago.
As someone caring for an elderly parent, I need to be certain the water is safe for medications and cooking.
People with weakened immune systems in our community need specific advisories whenever a problem is detected.
Repeated pressure drops on some days but not others suggest that the distribution system needs serious investment.
Backflow prevention seems neglected in older buildings, and I would like to see an inspection program.
A schedule for replacing lead service lines should be published, with clear dates and street-by-street progress.
Rebates for filters and plumbing replacement would make a real difference for low-income households.
I urge decision-makers to treat water quality as a long-term commitment and not a crisis-by-crisis response.