

| Existing Problem / What Community Leaders Want to Solve | Content Based on Frames (What to Explain) | Community Frames to Consider (How to Present It) |
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| Residents don't understand how water affects health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health impacts (children, pregnant people, older adults) - How diet has further effects - Multi-issue connectedness (water ↔ housing ↔ food) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading level (8th grade) - Emotional reassurance (reduce fear) - Cultural alignment (NWC perspective) - Modality (visuals, audio) |
| People don't know what steps to take | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actionable next steps - When to call city/NWC - Filter guidance and criteria - How to get testing done | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neutral, supportive tone - Awareness: skill building + knowledge - Language fluency options - Trust-building |
| Confusion about how contamination happens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sources of contamination (pipes, fixtures, soil) - Methodology of testing - System-level problems explained simply | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modality (infographics) - Learning-level adaptation - Culturally grounded explanations |
| People rely only on visible signs (color/smell) and miss unseen risks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Characteristics of water to watch for - Why invisible contaminants still matter - Examples of misleading sensory cues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visual modality (photos/examples) - Emotional reassurance - Storytelling (relatable scenarios) |
| Distrust of government and uncertainty about data sources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who collects data and how - NWC ownership of anonymized data - Governance structure of water systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trust frame (community first) - Transparency frame - Cultural alignment |
| People want transparency around testing but don't understand methods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Step-by-step testing workflow - Why each step matters - Tools used (spectrophotometer, XRF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modality (videos/visuals) - Low-jargon language - Neutrality & reassurance about data privacy |
| Confusion about jargons/standards and what exceedances mean | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simple breakdown of water chemistry terms - Why EPA vs CDC vs NJDEP limits differ - Easy charts, definitions, comparison of observed or general water chemistry vs threshold | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading-level adaptation - Visual modality (infographics) - "Explain more" expandable paths |
| Lack of clarity about rights and protections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water rights - Policies & regulations affecting Newark - Lead and Copper Rule context, SDWA, etc | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neutral & empowering tone - Language fluency - Local context framing |
| People don't see long-term patterns, only immediate symptoms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temporal trends (before/after interventions) - Historical water quality changes and impact on lifestyle - Positive improvements over time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visualizations (timelines, graphs) - Reassurance frame (progress over time) |
| Many residents don't understand their water choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comparative water choices (bottled vs tap vs alkaline) - Cost and safety differences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modality (visuals) - Cultural alignment (local examples) |
| Technology access and literacy barriers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easy learning curve for the tool - ice-breaker information to spark interest/give the users a point to start at - Multiple formats of the same content | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modality (simple text) - Demographics (older adults, low-tech users) |
| Fear of water leads to misinformation or incorrect self-protection behaviors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Myth-busting (boiling water doesn't remove lead) - Things they can act on to improve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emotional reassurance - Storytelling |