

Audio transcript

Austin water is good water

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Okay. My name is Herve Idjidina. Yeah. And I am a father of three; I'm married. I am from Benin, West Africa. I moved to United States four years ago and I moved first to Boston, Massachusetts. And then I had the opportunity to get connect with a family here, in Austin here. And, with that, I get the opportunity to move to this beautiful community of Austin.

About the water what I can say with my past experience back in Africa, I had the opportunity to move to lot of different home country. I traveled a lot in Africa and I always have a problem with the water—the taste of the water is always different from a country to another. And that was the same thing that happened to me when I moved to the United States. And because of the difference in that taste, I started doing what I used to do, and that is go to the supermarket and buy a bottle of water. And this is something that costs a lot, especially for a family of five.

I remember that I went to hospital with my kids just for a checkup. And the doctor was giving advice, saying the water is good for the kids. The water of Austin, the water of the tap, give them the water of the tap. So that's the first time I heard, hey, this water is good. So, I start giving that water to my kids and I started to take that water myself too. And I just get familiar after that. And like I said, I'm still drinking the water of Austin and I feel good, nothing bad happened to me, so I can boldly say that it is a good water.