

# Thames Water's daily waste same as hosepipe being on for 73 years



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Thames Water wastes the same amount of water as having a hosepipe on for more than 73 years – every single day.

The company today enforces a hosepipe ban on 15 million customers due to droughts.

But due to Thames Water's creaking infrastructure, it loses **635 million litres in leaks every single day.**



That’s enough to have a hosepipe on for 73 years, fill 245 Olympic sized swimming pools or fill 8 million baths.

Last year Thames Water handed its directors more than £4 million, with the highest paid director trousering £1.5 million – up 67 per cent from the year before.

GMB has long campaigned for water to be brought back into public hands.

Daily water leakage in 2020/21 (the latest year for which figures are available)

	Megalitres leaked	Equivalent to	
		Olympic swimming pools	Baths
Thames Water	635.6	254	7,945,000

**Andy Prendergast, GMB National Secretary, said:**

“From today, 15 million people across the South East can no longer use their hosepipe.

“Meanwhile every single day, Thames Water wastes enough water to have a hosepipe on for more than 70 years.

“You could have had a hosepipe on constantly since before the Queen was on the throne and you still wouldn’t have used as much as Thames Water wastes in just 24 hours.

“Instead of spending money to fix the leaky infrastructure, they’re showering directors with eye-watering sums.

“It’s jaw-dropping incompetence and greed.

“Privatising water has been a disastrous failed experiment, it’s time to bring this essential natural resource back into public hands.”

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