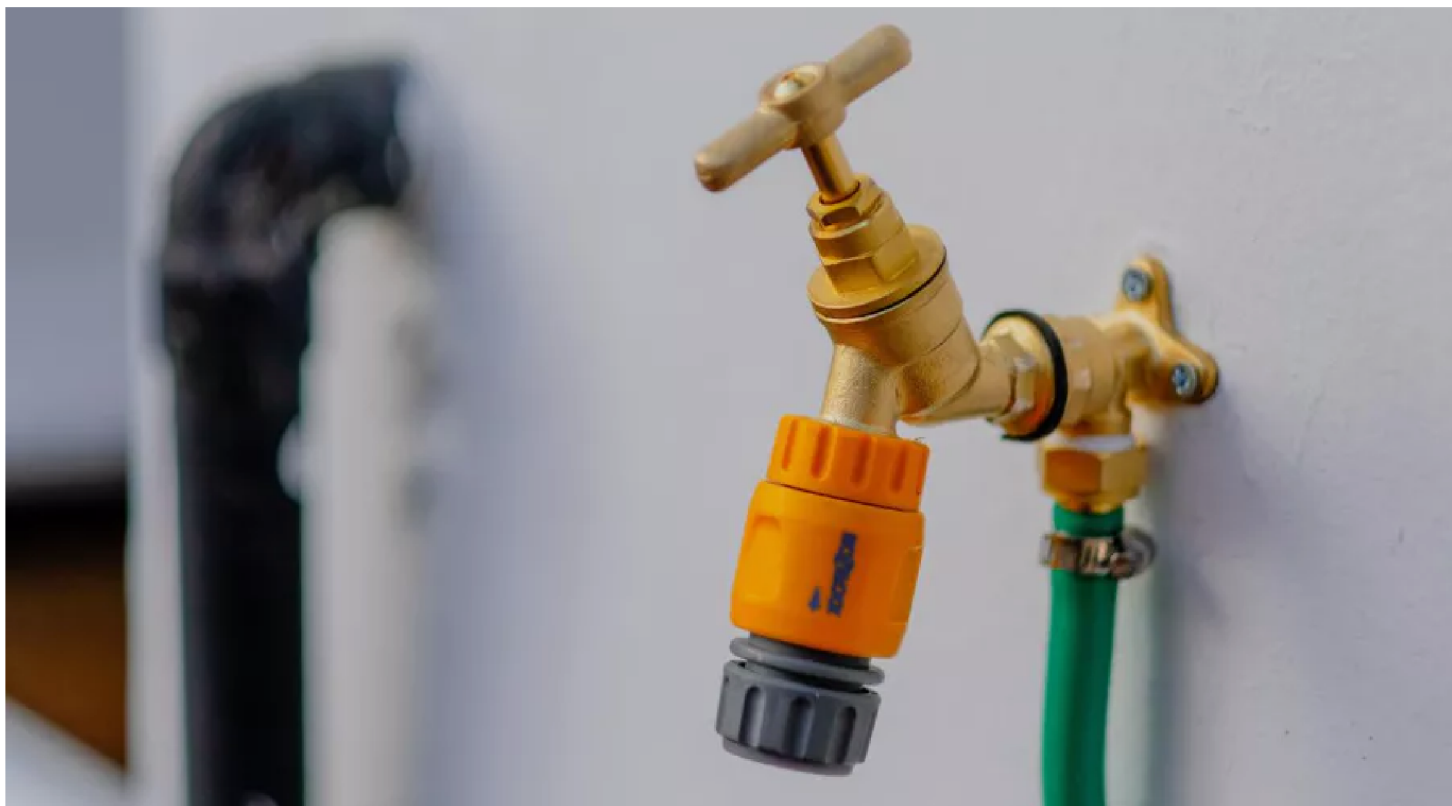


Kent water shortage 'a disgrace'



A burst pipe that has left 7,000 Kent residents without water since Saturday [22 March] is 'disgrace', says GMB Union.

South East Water said it was "sorry" for the **inconvenience after the incident caused significant flooding and damaged critical equipment at one of its water treatment stations.**

Gary Carter, GMB National officer, said:

"Our water infrastructure is falling apart.

"Customers are paying the price for a private water sector that has failed them.

"Residents should have be having to rely on bottled water for days on end, it's a disgrace."



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