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Checking and maintaining outside taps

Checking outdoor taps is essential for maintaining functionality and preventing potential issues. Here are some key points to consider:

Parts of an Outside Tap:

The main components of an outside tap include the tap body, spout, spindle, handle, gland, head, and wall back plate. The tap body holds everything together, the spout allows water flow, and the spindle controls the washer. The handle lets you turn the tap on and off, while the gland creates a seal to prevent leaks. The wall plate secures the tap to the wall.

Water Supply:

Ideally, connect the tap to an existing mains water supply pipe.

Ensure it's a cold water supply at mains pressure.

Avoid connecting to water from a cold water tank, as it affects availability in the home.

Confirm that the pipe connects to the tap, not the tank.

Double Check Valve:

As per water regulations, install an outside tap with a double check valve. This valve prevents backflow and contamination of the property's water. It ensures water flows only out of the spout.

Remember to drain the tap before frost to prevent damage. If your outdoor tap isn't working, check the water supply and the isolating valve on the supply pipe. Stay water-wise!

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