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"I believe the contractors will have problems because they haven't got the money available to pay for those meters as yet.

"The council will be starting to get monthly accounts from the contractors for costs of what they're doing now.

"The trouble will be, whenever they run out of that money, and the bills go in and don't get paid, that's when the

...member of the audience  
...added: "I think it's going to come  
...close to \$24m."

Mr Tolra said manifolds installed in recent years by the council were ineffective in preventing backflow of water from households into the reticulation system and are having to be replaced.

Peter Daniel, a former one-term councillor, believed council had already made a decision to install water meters even before

...choice as to whether we have  
...water meters or not."

Mr Tolra, a former president of the New Zealand Society of Master Plumbers, said he enjoyed his work as the green plumber and felt he had made a difference.

Two of the biggest leaks during his time was a house in Waikanae which was losing 20,000 litres of water a day, and another in Otaki which was losing 12,000 litres per day.

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