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# WELCOME TO THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WEBSITE

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## ROAD DIVISION

**Pat Fitzsimmons, Supervisor**

**Anthony Reed Sr. Assistant Supervisor**

The Road Division is responsible for the maintenance of more than 130 miles of road surface within the municipality. Inclusive of this work is the patching of potholes; the repair of cracks and other surface irregularities; street resurfacing, and street sweeping.

## Pot holes/Road Defects

**To Report a Pot Hole on a Township of Union Street**  
call 908- 686-1922 or E-Mail: [DPW@UNIONTOWNSHIP.COM](mailto:DPW@UNIONTOWNSHIP.COM)

**To Report a Pot Hole on a County Road**  
Burnett, Stuyvesant, Salem, W. Chestnut, Chestnut  
Vauxhall, Chestnut, Galloping Hill, Maggie Ave,  
North Ave, Tucker Avenue  
Call 908-789-3660 or visit website:  
**County Public Works**



**To Report a Pot Hole on a State Road(\*)**  
**Morris Ave, Route 22, Route 78, Springfield Ave,**  
**Parkway (\* all on and off ramps.)**  
Call: 609-588-6211 or e-mail:

[www.nj.gov/transportation/commuter/potholeform.shtm](http://www.nj.gov/transportation/commuter/potholeform.shtm)

Street defects form in roadways after moisture has saturated asphalt surfaces causing a breakdown in the asphalt. The most commonly reported type of street defects are pot holes. A pothole is a depressed area of the roadway that has deteriorated over time due to wear and tear. Potholes are created when the pavement or the material beneath it called the base or sub base cannot support the weight of the traffic it carries.

The Department of Public Works repairs an average of 26 potholes per day. Our goal is to respond to citizen requests related to street defects within 72 hours. This includes time for us to assess the problem to determine the appropriate repair needs. Repair time may vary dependent upon the extent of the street defect. **Not all street defects are potholes**; some repairs may be more extensive and involve more repair time. To ensure that we address the underlying cause in these cases, additional surveys and further investigative work is necessary prior to making any repairs

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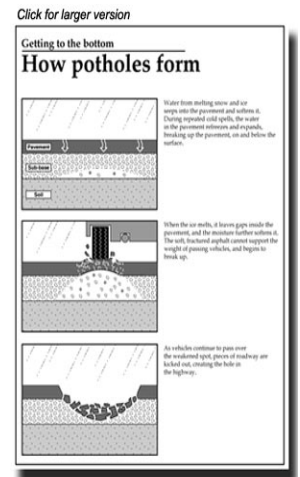
(Requests reported by 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and found on township streets the department will begin repairs on the next business day). To help expedite your service request, please be prepared with specific information when you contact the Public Works Receptionist. The more information we have, the better we can serve you. Useful information includes:

- Give the exact location.
- Be prepared to describe the hole.
- Is the hole on the sidewalk or roadway (driving lane or parking lane)?
- Size (approximate length/width/depth)
- Is there a barricade over this hole?
- Note whether you hear or see water in the hole.

## Street Defects

Certain street defects require different equipment or may need to be repaired using a variety of methods. Most residents will identify any street imperfection as a pothole, but in many instances more comprehensive repair is needed.

Common road conditions that may be confused with potholes are transverse cracks, alligator cracks or larger areas in need of attention. These conditions will require different material and equipment, and can not always be repaired as quickly as a pothole. Upon notification of a pothole or any unsafe road condition, the Department of Public Works will dispatch the Road Supervisor to evaluate the complaint. In most instances, needed repairs will be made upon notification. To assist the department with correct identification of the road condition, several photographs and descriptions are identified below:



Pot Hole



Cave In



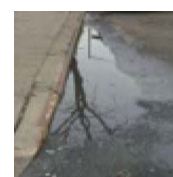
Manhole



Utility Cut



Hummock



Ponding

**POT HOLE-** Potholes are characterized by a definable bottom surface such as dirt or gravel.

**CAVE IN-** Generally look like depression, with a jagged hole and deep void beneath.

**MANHOLE-** Manhole covers may be cracked, missing, above grade or below grade

**UTILITY CUT -**Utility cuts, manually are square or rectangular in shape. Street hardware such as electric vaults may be cracked above or below grade.

**HUMMOCKS-** Hummocks are bumps that result when the roadway has been pushed up by traffic

**PONDING-** Ponding conditions are usually caused by low points in the roadway, inadequate draining system or improper grading.