

Township of Union

Township of Union, Union County New Jersey

PUBLIC WORKS



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ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent, report an issue, for general information, accounts payable.

ROAD DIVISION

Street defects, snow removal, pavement issues

GROUNDS DIVISION

Parks and field Maintenance, field concession stands issues.

BUILDINGS DIVISION

Shipping and receiving, street signs down, graffiti, park signage, public buildings issues.

SHADE TREE DIVISION

Tree issues, pruning, removals, planting, trimming.

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TRANSPORTATION

Shuttle to train schedule

ROAD DIVISION

Pat Fitzsimmons, Supervisor

Anthony Reed Sr., Asst. 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

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

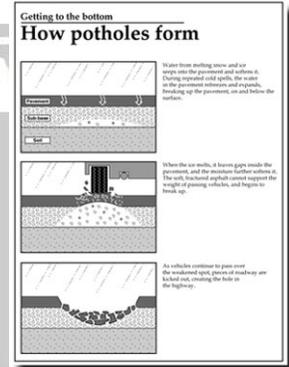
Call 908-789-3660 or visit website:UCNJ.org

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

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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Response time of 72 Hrs

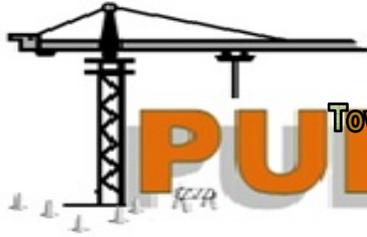
(Requests reported by 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and found on township streets the department will begin repairs on the next business day).

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.



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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 cannot 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 compliant. 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.

Street Defect Description



Pot Hole



Cave In



Hummock



Manhole



Utility Cut



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.

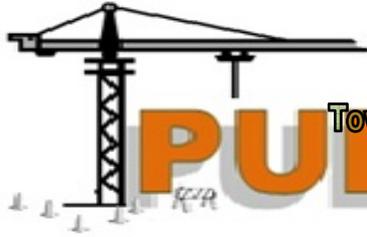
HUMMOCKS- Hummocks are bumps that result when the roadway has been pushed up by traffic

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

Street Sweepings

Regular street sweeping is an important service that has multiple benefits. Removing debris from streets and gutters, and not letting it enter the storm drain system, reduces litter and pollution that would otherwise flow to the surrounding rivers and waterways, enhances the appearance of Union's streets and neighborhoods, and decreases the chance of street flooding. The Township of Union Department of Public Works Road Division currently sweeps the entire Town, roughly 8000 miles of streets and gutters, once every two weeks, except for official Township holidays. The sweeping is performed normally the day after refuse collection for your area, please do not place your refuse, recycling or yard trimmings containers out for collection prior to 6:00 p.m. on that prior day in order to avoid conflicts with the street sweeping vehicles.

- You can also assist in keeping your streets clean by:
- Avoiding piling, sweeping or blowing leaves or other debris or litter in the street
- Keeping long branches out of the street, or gutter
- Never pouring oil, antifreeze, or any other hazardous material in the street.



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All collected street sweepings are taken to our facility and recycled them into either compost or alternative daily cover, thereby reducing the total amount of collected waste requiring disposal by 97 percent.

Snow Removal

The overall objective of this division is to sand and salt all hills, main thoroughfares within two (2) hours of snowfall/icing occurring; and all major street and connector roads within the first six (6) hours. The objective of the Department of Public Works Snow Removal Plan, in the Township of Union, is to provide a roadway that is passable and safe for emergency vehicular traffic (POLICE-FIRE and EMS). When snowfall reaches at least one half inch, the Division of Streets begins plowing and salting main streets. Clearing of residential streets is determined by weather conditions and forecasts. Generally, an accumulation above two inches involves salting and plowing, and less accumulation involves salting only. streets. Clearing of residential streets is determined by weather conditions and forecasts. Generally, an accumulation above two inches involves salting and plowing, and less accumulation involves salting only. To achieve the above objective, the division has established a Snow Removal Plan that divides personnel into two 12-hour shifts and they will work on alternating shifts until all Priority 1-3 streets are clear of snow and ice. The plan identifies the eight (8) zones, which the township is divided into, and the personnel and equipment assigned to each zone. Streets have been assigned Priority One, Two, and Three within each zone as outlined below:

TOWNSHIP OF UNION
**SNOW FALL
EMERGENCY
NOTICE**

**PUBLIC STREET
PARKING
STRICTLY
PROHIBITED
DURING DECLARED
TWP. SNOW
EMERGENCIES**

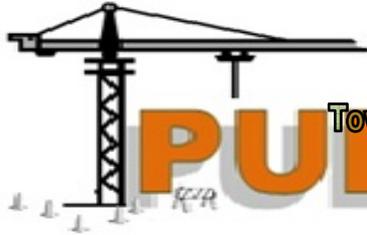
**VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO
TICKET AND TOW PER
TOWNSHIP CODE 477-42.**

PLEASE REMOVE ALL PARKED CARS AT
ONSET OF SNOWFALL AND UNTIL LOCAL
PLOWING OPERATIONS HAVE CEASED.

Priority One These are hills, main thoroughfares, underpasses, etc., these will be the first streets addressed when snow/ice occurs.

Priority Two These are arterial and major collector streets and will be addressed once all of priority one locations are completed.

Priority Three These are collector streets, which normally have moderate traffic volume and should be addressed after all priority one and two locations are completed.



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Snow removal on sidewalk

Town Ordinance states that owners or occupants of property with sidewalks bordering on any street are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks ten (24) hours after snow ceases to fall.

- Please make a path of at least four (4) feet in width and also clear ramps at corners that abut your property.
- Complaints can be made to Department of Public Works if snow/ice is not cleared 24 hours after snow ceases. Department of Public Works can be reached at (908) 686-1922.
- Department of Public Works will refer complaint to the enforcing agency which is the Code Enforcement Division.
- The fine for failing to comply with the city's sidewalk snow removal ordinance is One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per day.
- Even if you are on vacation or are a landlord it is still your responsibility as the property owner to ensure that your sidewalks are cleared.

Placing or throwing Snow in Streets is Illegal

The Uniform Traffic Code states: A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, throw snow, ice, or slush on any roadway or highway.

