

Potholes



A pothole, sometimes called a chuckhole, is a type of disruption in the surface of a roadway where a portion of the road material has broken away, leaving a hole. Potholes can be formed due to fatigue of the road surface. As fatigue fractures develop they typically interlock in a pattern known as "alligator cracking".

The formation of potholes is exacerbated by low temperatures, as water expands when it freezes to form ice, and puts greater stress on cracks in the pavement or road. Once a pothole forms, it may grow through continued removal of broken chunks of pavement. In cold climates, potholes tend to form most often during spring months when the ground is saturated.

Motorists can do everyone a favor by reporting potholes promptly to the proper road agency. See attached map to determine where to report a pothole. Potholes within the City of Holland Limits should be reported to the Dept. of Transportation Services at 616.928.2400.

If your vehicle was damaged by a pothole you may file a Claim against the City. See attached form below. **Note:** Please be advised that, under governmental immunity laws MCL 691.1401(e) and (f), MCL 691.1402 and MCL 691.1403, you must show that there was failure to repair and maintain the physical structure of the road bed in order to prove a road defect claim. You also must show that the City knew of the condition and had an opportunity to repair it, or that the condition existed for more than 30 days.

Supporting Documents



[Map of City Limits](#)



[File a Claim](#)

Web Links

[MDOT-Reporting Potholes on the Highway](#)[Ottawa County Road Commission](#)[Allegan County Road Commission](#)[City of Zeeland Street Dept.](#)

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