

Public Works road maintenance crews are working night and day, seven days a week to patch potholes. A private contractor has been hired to assist with patching starting early next week. Every effort is being made to complete the work as soon as possible, however residents are reminded that new potholes will continue to appear during the freeze/thaw cycle, and that some potholes require repeated temporary patching until they can be permanently patched.

Permanent patching with hot mix asphalt follows the same roadway priority system used for snow clearing in the winter. The first priority is to patch major thoroughfares such as Circle Drive and arterial roads including Idylwyld Drive, 22nd Street and 8th Street. The high traffic roadways are being patched during the early morning and night shift so crews can work more quickly and safely without having to deal with as much traffic as the day shift. Priority Two and Three streets will be patched after Priority One streets are complete.

The pothole patching crews will work on residential streets shortly after **residential street sweeping begins on May 2**, not April 26 as previously announced. The delay is due to the late spring and cooler temperatures. Approximately two to three days after street sweepers have cleaned a residential area, patching of significant potholes in that area will be completed. The residential street sweeping schedule will be available on the City's website, www.saskatoon.ca, next week.

Road maintenance equipment is large and slow moving. Motorists are asked to please exercise caution when passing.

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