



NEWS ADVISORY

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Caution: Potholes Ahead

Monday's warming temperatures brought rain, sleet and snow melt to the Missoula area, overcoming some storm drains and causing water to pool on some streets. The abrupt changes in temperature and water freezing and thawing on streets also create potholes.

Drivers should use extreme caution and reduce their speeds when driving through standing water because of the dangers presented by concealed potholes.

City of Missoula street superintendent Brian Hensel also reminds drivers that potholes can develop overnight – a section of roadway that is clear one day could contain potholes the next.

Street Division crews began the work day on Monday sanding icy secondary streets and then moved to mitigating standing water and patching potholes. The Street Division's asphalt recycler enables crews to fix potholes with hot asphalt mix year-round, when weather permits, with longer-lasting and more economical patches..

The City encourages citizens to report potholes. The Street Division makes every effort to repair reported potholes within 24 hours of the report. Citizens can report online on the City's website by visiting www.ci.missoula.mt.us and going to the brown button AT YOUR SERVICE, then choosing from the menu Report a Pothole. They can also report by phone to the Street Division office at 552-6360.

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