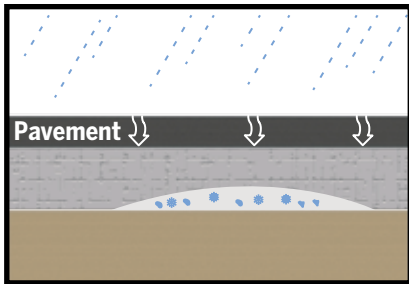
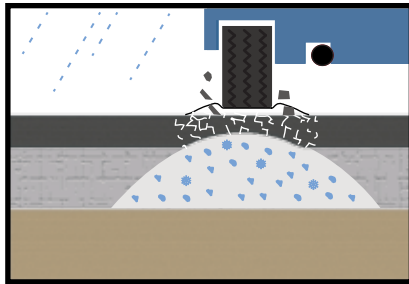


How potholes are formed

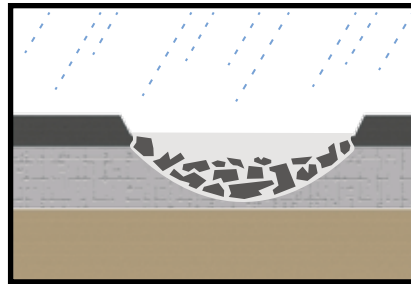
Most potholes are caused by melting snow and temperature swings.



1. Water leaks into pavement from snow, ice and rain. The surface cracks when the water freezes.



2. The frozen water melts, weakening the roadway.



3. The surface eventually gives way, causing a pothole.

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