

Road Update from the Redding Highway/Public Works Department

There has been a bumper crop of potholes this year! The Highway Department is out patching every day and is trying to focus on one area of town at a time.

Unfortunately the “cold patch” asphalt –the way to make road repairs quickly-- used in winter months, is not permanent .The “hot patch” asphalt on the other hand is preferred because it is more permanent. Hot patch asphalt is a combination of approximately 95% stone, sand, or gravel bound together by asphalt cement (a product of crude oil).

Some of the rough roads are due to the “bituminous raveling”—deterioration and loss of asphalt and rocks-- and these roads will need to be milled and paved. Patching is not a process that will work in some of these ruts.

As soon as manufacturers of hot patch are open, we will begin the paving process.

The Highway Department is working on a plan to repair these areas as soon as possible but it will take time. We also need to prepare the roads for reconstruction.

As we have said in the past, if you see a pothole please report it to the Highway Department at 203-938-2801. Every effort will be made to address the issue.

In the meantime, you will see our fleets about town as we continue (in conjunction with Knapp Tree Service) to cut trees infected with the Emerald Ash Borer. Knapp Tree Service is also trimming and cutting trees that obstruct electrical lines for Eversource.

Thank you for your consideration and patience.

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