



# City Of Burnsville

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## **It's Pothole Season...**

*The End of Winter Weather Brings New Driving Challenges*

It may seem as if pothole season is nature's way of sticking its tongue out one last time before letting people enjoy warmer weather. While that may sound like a good explanation, the truth is that potholes are created by snow and rain finding their way into any existing cracks in streets. This water freezes and pushes gravel and dirt out, leaving a hole under the road when the water melts. As cars travel across these holes, the stress breaks up the street, resulting in infamous Minnesota potholes.

The Burnsville Street Department is well-versed in this annual occurrence and has a plan of action to keep roads in the best possible working order. This spring, City street crews will again be out on a daily basis (weather permitting) filling potholes. However, crews may not see all the potholes needing repair. Burnsville residents can let the City know when a troublesome pothole is affecting travel in the community.

There are three easy ways to report a pothole:

- Visit [www.burnsville.org/request](http://www.burnsville.org/request) and fill out an online request
- Download and use the Citizen Request Tracker iPhone or Facebook App - available at [www.burnsville.org/apps](http://www.burnsville.org/apps)
- Call the Burnsville Maintenance Facility at 952-895-4550

The City is diligently repairing potholes as quickly as possible. Collector roads and heavily traveled roads are on a list of frequent checks for pothole repairs. Some of these streets are:

- Burnsville Parkway (West of I-35W)
- 150<sup>th</sup> Street
- 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Black Dog Road

If there are concerns about an entire street, the City of Burnsville actively monitors the condition of its streets and schedules short-term and long-term replacement and maintenance based on a variety of factors. Five-year proposed street reconstruction and rehabilitation plans are available at [www.burnsville.org/streetrecon](http://www.burnsville.org/streetrecon).

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