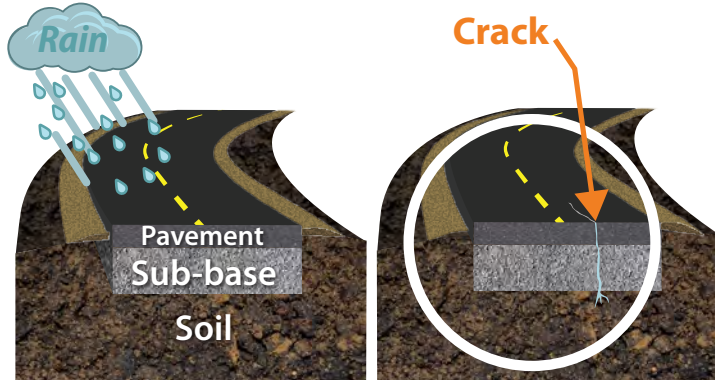
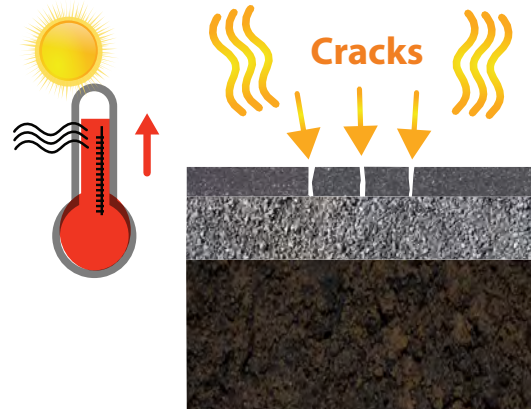


Potholes in warm weather

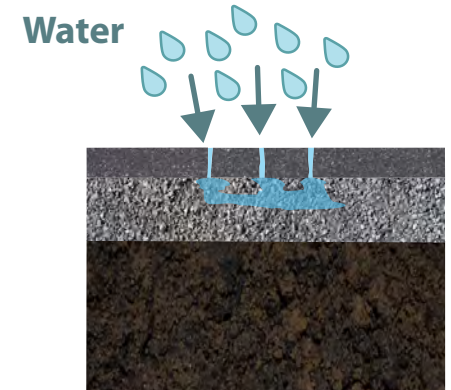
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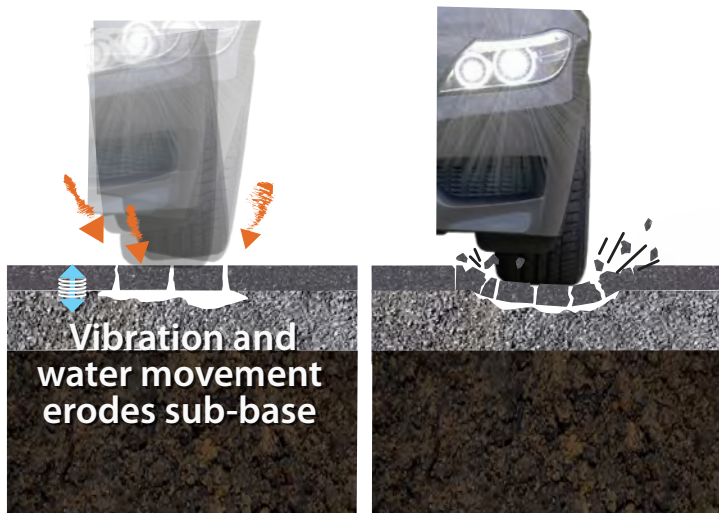
2 Extreme heat and sunlight worsens naturally occurring cracks.



3 Water can get into these cracks, washing out layers of stone and dirt supporting the surface layer, creating a void in the sub-base of the pavement.



4 As vehicles repeatedly drive over the uneven sub-base, the pavement experiences atypical stresses and develops additional cracks. Eventually the pavement breaks apart and a pothole forms.



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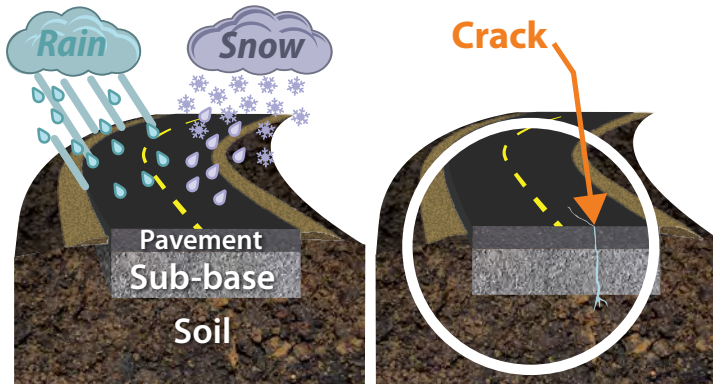


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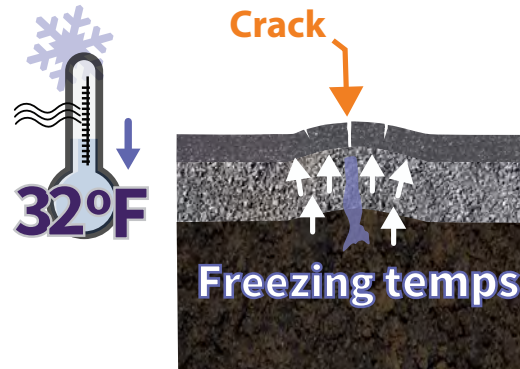


Potholes in cold weather

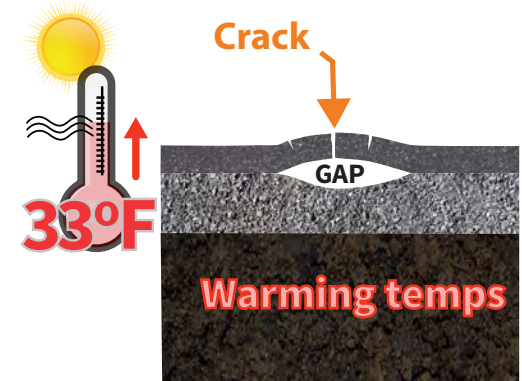
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2 When water in the sub-base freezes, the ground expands. This expansion can cause the pavement to raise in area of the crack.



3 When the water thaws, the swelling in the sub-base reduces, but the pavement sometimes remains raised. This creates a void under the pavement.



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