Video: Car turning into water-filled pothole.

Audio, with music in background: Potholes are as much a springtime ritual as sunshine and gentle rains.

Video: Tight shots of potholes.

Audio: Like dandelions in the front yard, there’s a fresh crop every year.

Video: Highway trucks on secondary road.

Video: The Virginia Department of Transportation takes a number of steps to ensure the quick, efficient repair of potholes on the state’s highways.

Video: Pothole and traffic on road.

Audio: Potholes are created when moisture seeps into the pavement, freezing, expanding and then thawing.

Video: Several potholes with traffic going past.

Audio: This weakens the pavement. Traffic loosens the pavement even more, and it eventually crumbles and pops out.

Video: Crew filling pothole.

Audio: Potholes on interstate highways are usually repaired within 24 hours.

Video: Pothole on side of road.

Audio: Potholes on other heavily traveled roads are usually are repaired within 48 hours.

Video: Maintenance trucks going up hill.

Audio: Maintenance crews are constantly on the lookout for potholes, but VDOT welcomes citizen calls about potholes, as well.

Video: Pothole being repaired.

Audio: The younger the pothole is when it’s reported …

Video: Road crew fixing pothole.
Audio: … the more quickly VDOT can remove that road hazard.
Video: Suburban road with houses and traffic.

Audio: If the pothole is on a city street, call the local department of public works, or city hall.

Video: Traffic on primary road.

Audio: If the pothole is on an Arlington County or Henrico County road, call your public works department in that county.

Video: Pothole at side of road marked with orange cone.

Audio: Those are the only two counties in Virginia responsible for maintaining their county roads.

Video: Traffic on Interstate 64.

Audio: In all other counties, if the pothole’s on a county road, state road or interstate highway …

Video: Traffic on primary road.

Audio: … call your local Virginia Department of Transportation office.

Video: Traffic on bridge.

Audio: If you cannot find the number, or it’s a long distance call …

Video: Traffic on road, with Highway Helpline telephone number superimposed.

Audio: …then call toll free, the Highway Helpline, at 1-800-367-ROAD. Or, go to www.Virginia D-O-T dot org and click on “Report a Road Problem” in the center of the page.