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Where are Central New York's worst potholes? Tell us



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How do we know it's spring? When the potholes bloom, and it looks like this year will be a bumper crop.

"I anticipate it being another bad year, similar to last year," said Gene Cilento, speaking for the New York State Department of Transportation.

Even though it didn't go above 32 degrees in February, area roads still experienced the freeze-

thaw cycles that feed potholes, he said.

Some 28 percent of the Syracuse urban area's roads are considered to be in poor condition, according to TRIP, a national transportation research group based in Washington D.C. [The group's report](#) released Thursday morning also shows that 17 percent of the area's roads are considered to be in mediocre condition, and the remaining 40 percent are considered to be in good condition.

Driving on rough roads costs the average Syracuse driver \$477 a year in accelerated vehicle depreciation, additional repair costs, increased gas costs and tire wear. Across the state, motorists spend \$6.3 billion annually in extra vehicle costs.

Let's help each other avoid potholes. You can report them on the map by clicking the green button.

There are several ways to notify the City of Syracuse of a pothole problem. You can call 448-CITY (2489), email potholes@syr.net, or report a problem by going to the city's online system at ipsweb.ci.syracuse.ny.us, or contact the city through social media.

If you (safely) take a picture of a particularly bad pothole email the picture with your name, date and location of the pothole to channagan@syracuse.com. We'll post the best pictures online.