

# Spring means warm weather... and cleanup



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After a long winter of record snowfalls and frost, things are looking brighter and warmer, as we emerge into spring.

Every year, when the snow melts, we are left with many potholes in our streets from the freeze-thaw cycles of our weather. The city fixes potholes using a number of different patching techniques. A cold-mix patch is a temporary repair and is designed to remain workable in cold weather but lasts only about six to eight months. A hot-mix patch is a more permanent repair which produces a dense, hard patch that seals the edges, preventing water from getting under the patch, but this is best done in warm dry weather. When you see potholes in our neighbourhood, you can report them to 311 or email [311@winnipeg.ca](mailto:311@winnipeg.ca). Please also copy my office ([devi@winnipeg.ca](mailto:devi@winnipeg.ca)), so we can stay on top of it as well. If your vehicle is damaged by a pothole, the city recommends contacting

Manitoba Public Insurance.

We also know that when the snow melts, drivers tend to speed more often. I'd like to ask all motorists to please slow down, especially around school zones, playgrounds, parks and wherever children are playing. As a former school patrol member, I can't emphasize enough the importance of protecting our kids by maintaining safe speeds. I continue to meet with our local police inspector and pass on your concerns about areas where speeding is particularly problematic. Just as in previous years, Please Slow Down signs are available at my community office, as a great reminder for drivers on residential streets.

With the snow melting we also notice many other things and we all have a role to play in maintaining a beautiful city. Many matters, including spring cleanups, graffiti removal, traffic signal burnout, and tree line inquiries, should be reported through 311. I've heard your concerns about abandoned shopping carts and would like to pass along that shopping cart pickup can be arranged by calling Total Cart Management (204-296-9968) for Walmart and Superstore carts, or Speedy Cart Services (204-786-7600) for all other store carts.



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*It's pothole season in Winnipeg. Old Kildonan Coun. Devi Sharma reminds readers to report potholes to 311 or [311@winnipeg.ca](mailto:311@winnipeg.ca)*

I hope spring is a wonderful time of rejuvenation for each of you, as you pursue outdoor sports, engage in warmer activities, and connect safely with family and friends.

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, you can reach me by email at [devi@winnipeg.ca](mailto:devi@winnipeg.ca) or by phone at 204-986-5264.