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How To Repair Asphalt Driveway

Potholes in a driveway can be dangerous for many reasons. In cold weather they will collect moisture and form slippery ice pockets. Moreover, the pothole in the driveway is like the proverbial leak in the dike: the condition is progressive.

Utensils

Shovel
Stiff broom
Tamping tool (rent or buy or make your using a 5-foot length of 2 by 4 6" inch by 6" inch by 3/4" inch plywood, nailed to one end of 2 by 4
Paintbrush

Ingredients

Gravel, if a large hole
Can of liquid tar
Asphalt cold patch, available at hardware stores

Approximate Time: You Tell Us!

1. Clean area to be patched with shovel and broom (Fig.102A). Area must be dry.
2. Fill in large holes with gravel to 1" inch below driveway surface (Fig. 102B).
3. Tamp down gravel compactly with tamping tool (Fig. 102C).
4. Paint area generously with liquid tar (Fig. 102D).
5. Pour in asphalt cold patch (Fig. 102D).
6. Tamp down with tamping tool or by running your automobile back and forth over patch.
7. Add more asphalt and repeat tamping until surface is smooth and tight.
8. Let surface dry for several days before driving or walking on it.

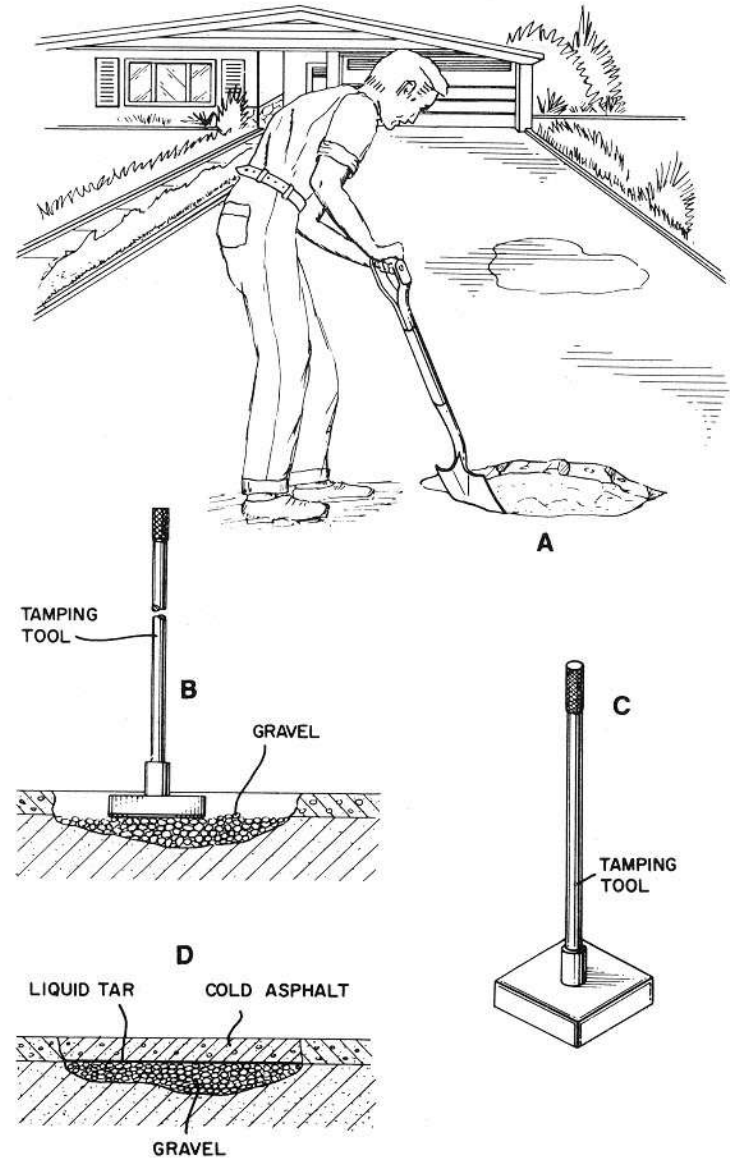


Figure 102.
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