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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING AND COMPACTING THE POTHOLES

Filling a pothole with cold asphalt and compacting it with a tamper can be a great way to repair small-to-medium-sized potholes in a cost-effective and efficient manner. Here are some step-by-step instructions and lifehacks for filling a pothole with cold asphalt and compacting it with a tamper:



Materials:

- Cold asphalt mix
- Tamper (or a flat-bottomed shovel, heavy board or similar tool)
- Safety gear (gloves, goggles)

Instructions:

- Clean the pothole: Start by removing any loose debris, dirt, or stones from the pothole. Clean the edges of the pothole as well, and make sure the area is completely dry before proceeding.
- Fill the pothole with cold asphalt: Pour the cold asphalt mix into the pothole, filling it up to about 1 inch above the surrounding pavement. Spread the material evenly with a shovel or rake, ensuring it is well-compacted and level.

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- Compact the cold asphalt with a tamper: Use a tamper to compact the cold asphalt mix into the pothole. Start at the edges of the pothole and work your way towards the center, using a firm and consistent pressure as you tamp the material down. If you don't have a tamper, you can use a flat-bottomed shovel, a heavy board, or similar tool.
- Repeat if necessary: Add more cold asphalt mix if needed and repeat the compaction process until the pothole is filled to the proper level.
- Allow the cold asphalt to cure: Let the cold asphalt mix cure for at least 4 hours before using the patched area.

Lifhacks:

- If the pothole is deep, consider filling it in layers. This will make it easier to achieve proper compaction and avoid the formation of air pockets.
- To make sure the cold asphalt adheres well, moisten the edges of the pothole with water before filling it with the mix.
- To make your work easier, consider using a broom or a leaf blower to clean the pothole and surrounding area of debris and dirt.
- If you don't have a tamper, you can make your own by filling a large metal coffee can with sand, attaching a broomstick to the center of the can, and using it to tamp the cold asphalt mix down.

Remember to wear safety gear, such as gloves and goggles, when working with cold asphalt mix. Following these instructions and lifhacks should help you fill a pothole with cold asphalt and compact it with a tamper in a successful and efficient manner.