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Many products for exterior home repairs were showcased at the recent National Hardware Show in Chicago for members of the trade.

Some of them are described below, and suggested retail prices are noted. Contact the listed manufacturers for help in finding a retailer in your area that carries a specific item.

EZ Street Cold Asphalt Pothole Patch is designed to be user-friendly. It doesn't require any mixing. This flexible material can be used no matter what the temperature and can even be put down on asphalt or cement that is wet. If the hole is deeper than 4 inches, two layers can be applied. The patch can be compacted with a shovel. This product comes in a package that looks like a shopping bag with a black, braided nylon rope handle so that it is easy to carry. Not only is the package sturdy so that it won't break, but it is waterproof, too. Such products often come in 60-, 70- or 80-pound bags that are hard to lug around and give you far more patch material than you need. **EZ Street** weighs only 35 pounds. If you can't use it all at once, the bag zips closed and the contents will remain fresh. Price: \$11.99. The EZ Street Company, 4649 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 303, Miami, FL 33146. Phone: 800-734-1476.

