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The Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office would like to warn the public that as the weather begins to warm up and people begin doing more home improvement projects on their homes, the home improvement scams will also begin to increase.

A sample of just a few of the home improvement scams include the following: sealing driveways, painting, landscaping, etc. There have also been reports of thousands of dollars being charged for putting lightning rods on homes. Typically these scams are made by persons who stop by your home and claim they have just finished a job in your neighborhood and have leftover materials; they then offer to seal your driveway, paint, etc. Be very skeptical of such offers as the scammers generally want the money paid upfront and in cash, and then either leave before completion of the work or do very unprofessional work, and then are gone from the area before the home owner realizes what is happening.

Be wary of these claims because once again, if the deal sounds too good to be true, then it probably is, and you could be scammed out of thousands of dollars.

Citizens can obtain additional information regarding various scams and frauds by accessing the U.S. government's official web portal (www.USA.gov) under Consumer Guides. This website is administered by the U.S. General Services Administration's Office of Citizen Services and Communications and has useful information about the various scams and frauds being perpetrated throughout the Country.