

## **A Word About “Millings”**

**One of the most prevalent Transient Merchants scams involves driveway work or repair. The product normally being offered is often referred to as millings.**

**Millings are obtained by grinding the asphalt obtained from existing roadways. Legitimate paving contractors will recycle ground asphalt by mixing it, in very small amounts, with new asphalt. They will then apply the mixture to a property prepared road bed at a very high temperature (300 degrees plus). The new road is then compressed using a large roller.**

**A paving scammer obtains millings from a variety of places including local sand plants and farm cooperatives. He will then go door to door attempting to sell them as paving. Normally the prospective customer will be told that he is completing a nearby paving project and has extra material that he has to use before it goes to waste. He will then offer the leftover material at, what he claims to be, a greatly reduced price.**

**The scammer will imply that the finished product will harden and the customer soon believes that he or she will have a driveway similar to an asphalt road. The scammer may even attempt to sell a spray treatment that is alleged to help the hardening process.**

**These claims are false and misrepresent material facts. Millings, by themselves without added virgin asphalt, extreme heat and compression, will not harden and produce something akin to asphalt pavement. Properly prepared asphalt can be sealed to retard moisture; however there is no treatment that will harden millings.**

**Millings are light in weight and have a loose consistency. As they never harden, they tend to wash away during heavy rains or will eventually disappear into the driveway base.**