

# Watch For Tornadoes This Spring

The first North Carolina spring weather likely will bring out more than green grass and tennis rackets.

Clashing warm and cold air masses that sweep across the heart of Dixie with the advent of spring

this year will produce severe thunderstorms high winds — and tornadoes. The Insurance In-

formation Institute reminds North Carolinians that March and April statistically form the worst part of the tornado season for their state. Tornadoes have struck North Carolina 260 times in 24 years, killing 21 persons. In 1976 alone, 17 persons were injured as 25 tornadoes swept the state.

As warm weather approaches and the likelihood of tornado and other windstorm activity increases, an Institute spokesman offers these safety guidelines:

— Keep a weather ear alert. Tune to a local radio or television station during severe weather. The National Weather Service broadcasts "tornado watch" bulletins from its St. Louis storm center hours ahead of advancing weather fronts. A tornado watch tells you that condi-

tions are favorable for tornadoes in your area.

— A tornado warning is an alert that one or more tornadoes has been sighted visually or on radar in your area. If a tornado warning is broadcast for your area, you should seek shelter immediately. Civil Defense sirens often are sounded to alert those in the path of a tornado. You may have only minutes or seconds to find shelter.

— At home, seek shelter in the basement or the central part of your house. Take cover on the lowest floor in a small room or under the staircase. Crawling under heavy furniture such as a bed or table also may provide protection.

— At work, go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor of an office building, below ground, if possible. Stay away from windows and glass walls. If your property is damaged or destroyed by a tornado, here are steps to take that will speed settle-

ment of any insurance claims:

— Make temporary repairs to prevent further damage — reasonable expenses are covered by most policies or are tax deductible as casualty losses.

— Give a report of the damage to your agent or company along with a telephone number, and

— Prepare a detailed inventory of all damaged or destroyed personal property.

It will take time in a disaster to process the many damage claims filed. Additional claims adjusters may be flown in from other parts of the country. Serious cases will be given priority.

The Insurance Information Institute reminds residents that planning for the unexpected before severe weather strikes may save lives and property. And putting safety first after an encounter with a tornado

can help storm victims and death during the first few hours after the disaster.

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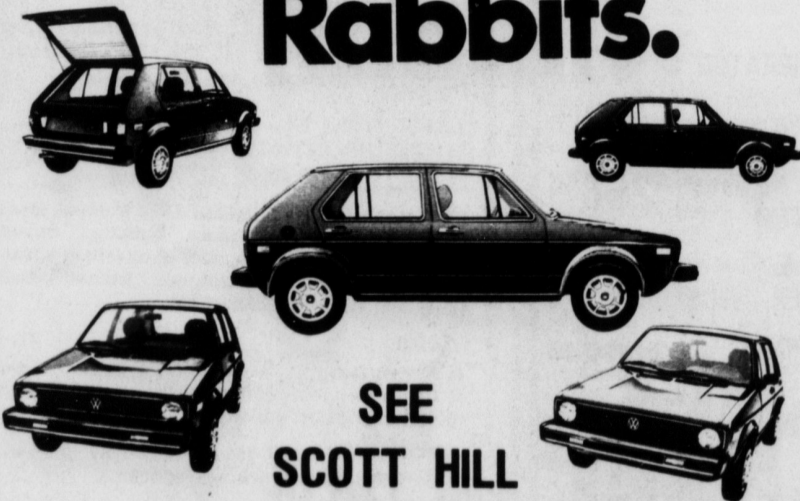
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