If it's raining coals, it may be time to go.
Wind-blown cinders travel twenty miles.

Pyro-Cumulo-Nimbus Flows:

Smoke & Coals rise to form Storms raining Embers & Lightning Bolts starting Fires all around you

Unless roof is Metal / Slate, then falling embers and burning debris means leave now, do not stay. Watering hoses fail.

STAY ? GO

Seal Your Home From Smoke and Heat
Shut off areas. Tape & Towel doors, AC/Air-Filters help, but you may still need N95 {+better} masks.

Prepping is Caring

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Monitor local hazards via friends, net & satellite
Expect service interruptions. As they may fail know your Threat Levels & Exit Times

Three Separate Exits Minimum
One person leads mapping for others.
Everyone understands Exit triggers and Map routes, if separated

Dress the Part:
Breathing Gear, Masks, Scarves, Goggles, Heavy Hats, Prepare outerwear like dusters+trenches+ponchos, Thicker cotton like denim, but Wool, Leather, & Metal best. Wrap people in wet blankets.

AVOID man-made gear: polarfleece, plastic, nylon, vinyl ALL THIS WILL burn/melt/merge into your skin.

Pix / Docs / Media
Secure what cannot travel in fireproof safes.
Wrap items in blankets within metal cans/bins and file cabinets may survive.
Consider burying treasure?
Wherever possible, backup data to remote locations

Treasures & Assets:
Prioritize for small + light, Emotional or Cash value according to space available.
PIX: Digital over Print, Mementos, Family History.

Meals & Sundries:
You always need food+water and supplies for two weeks.
Longer is better.

Trim and clear foliage, shrubbery, and burnable debris from structures

Note Shelters & Aid Stations

Rally Points Along Route

Designate Remote Contact
Remember: disaster protocols will prioritize OUTGOING calls.

ROUTES 3

Practice routes and know travel times.

A wall of flames and debris outruns a galloping horse.

Know When To Take Shelter:
find refuge in plowed + dirt fields, parking lots.
Jump into pools, ponds, lakes & river beds, hide under bridges.
Families survive by crawling single-file into culverts & drainage as fires pass.

Plan C: test-walk your foot-path out of danger

Prepare Supplies : two weeks
Service Vehicle + Transport Tickets
Load transport as threat grows
Pack emergency items & tools last and within reach.

Caravans prepare to leave second vehicle behind immediately.
Know which goods to dump for more passengers.

Which buddy is doing what and for whom?

Gather Vital Docs
cash, ID, titles, court papers and financial documentation you may need to re-establish life.
Have maps and contact lists for all.

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