The truck from River Country Co-op pulls up for corn delivery day

If you are heating one room with a small corn burning stove, you don't have to bother with any of this. You can just buy your corn by the bag. Or, you can have it dumped in the back of a pickup and shovel it into some containers when you get home. Some people use plastic garbage cans, for instance. But, when you are heating a whole house of any size it pays to buy your corn in bulk. And, unless you have a wagon, or good sized truck it pays to just have the corn delivered. Check with the place where you buy your corn. It will cost you something extra for deliver, but I wouldn't expect it would cost more than $80 at the most. And, keep in mind a delivery charge is a flat fee. So, it costs you the same if you are getting a small amount or large amount.

Looking down the porch toward the auger filling the coal chute. In my case, to heat the whole house to a comfortable temperature I need 14 tons (28,000 lbs) of corn. That's more

trips than I could possibly make in my pickup. So, I spent the $50 the co-op wanted to have the corn delivered all in one trip. For this truck, fourteen tons was just over half a load.

The most important thing for you is to have everything ready when the truck arrives. Delivering corn to a residential neighborhood isn't going to be something your delivery driver is going to be real excited to do to begin with. And, you will be doing all your fellow corn burners a dis-service if you make him wait around for an hour while you are still getting your ducks in a row. These guys are used to wheeling into a big farm lot. Running their auger up to a high capacity bin and then dumping the load off as quick as a ten inch auger will move it. Which is pretty fast indeed. So, anything you do to slow the process down will be effecting your driver's schedule. Some driver's take things messing with their schedule real personal.

Bagging the end of the auger so the corn doesn't fly around. Most drivers will carry a bag like this to funnel corn into old style corn bins there auger will not just fit in.

My house, by today's standards, was uniquely setup to be able to handle a solid fuel heating in ways new houses are not. And, if you house is about the same age as mine, which just turned 100 this year, you are likely setup too. See my house spent the first 40 years of its life being heated with coal. So, I have a coal room, with a coal chute leading down to it. All I had to do was line the walls of the coal room below with plywood. *(It is never a good idea to pour corn directly on a cement floor you will have rot problems from moisture coming out of the concrete.)* And, since I wanted to fill the room up to near capacity, I cut a second hole in the floor of my front porch so I could fill the coal room from both ends.