

1. **Identify the appropriate location.** Locate protected sharps pit away from ground water sources.
2. **Identify a builder and purchase the necessary materials.** Follow the design drawings below.
3. **Build the protected sharps pit above the water table.** Consider installing a sharps barrel if the water table is an issue.
4. **Include drainage holes.** Leave drainage holes in the sides of the pit to facilitate drainage.
5. **Build a fence around the sharps pit.** The sharps pit must be fenced and protected to prevent unauthorized access.
6. **Lid should be kept on the needle chute when not in use.** This will prevent water from entering the pit.

