HOW BIOGAS DIGESTERS WORK

Biogas digesters use animal manure to provide a clean and sustainable cooking fuel.

To avoid waste, as well as ensure a steady supply of biogas, it is important that the right size of biogas digester is used. This is based on the number of animals available to supply manure, and the amount of gas that is needed each day.

> Overflow of bioslurry from the top of the outlet chamber into the pit below

Water source

Nutrient-rich bioslurry useful for improving the soil and crop yields

LOCATION

Digesters should be constructed:

• close to the livestock shed to make it easier to collect the manure and feed it into the digester

• close to a source of water so it can be mixed with the manure when adding it to the digester

• in an open location so the heat from the sun can speed up the digestion process

• not too close to trees because the roots can interfere with construction and the leaves cause too much shade

• close to the place where the biogas fuel will be used.

Thick plastic liner of the type used in water-storage systems, heat-sealed to form a tube

Sealed edge of the plastic placed along the bottom of the ditch so the weight of the contents increases the strength of the seal

Ditch with a smooth sand or concrete base

Edible plants

