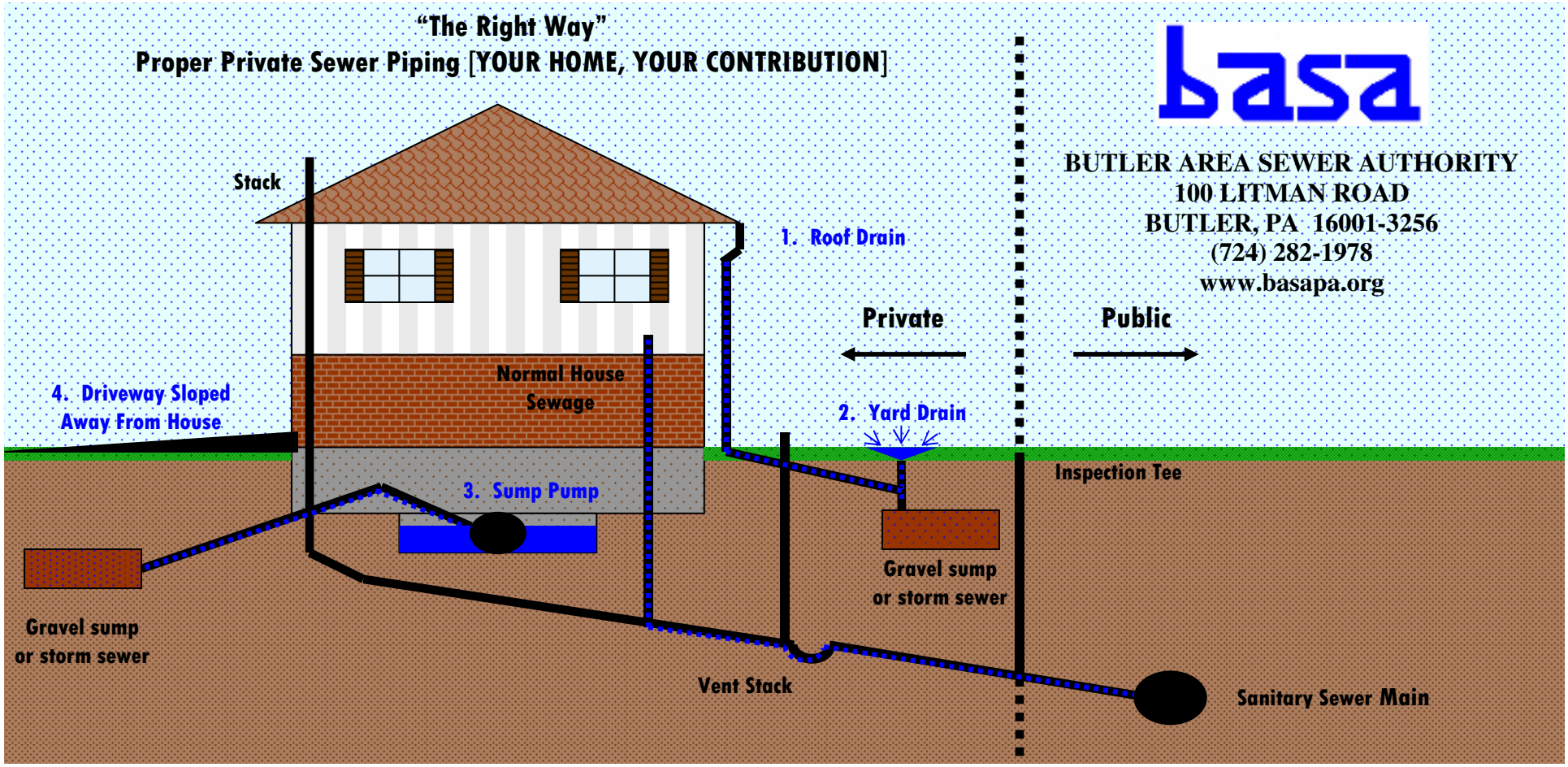

1. Roof Drains from your house should be directed away from your house to a storm sewer, creek or gravel sump. (*)

2. Yard Drains or Area Drains can be located in various low spots on private property. These drains should also drain into a storm sewer, creek or gravel sump. (*)

3. Sump Pumps can be connected to the sanitary sewer line ONLY if they drain grey water such as laundry water or other sewage, from your house. If it is a groundwater sump pump that pumps water that infiltrates into your basement, the sump pump discharge pipe should be disconnected from the sanitary sewer and diverted to a storm sewer, creek or to the ground surface away from the house. (*)

4. Your driveway should be sloped away from the house. Having your driveway higher next to your house allows water to run away from your house and foundation. This prevents storm water from entering your garage or basement and the sanitary sewers. (*)

This diagram illustrates the proper connections that should generally exist in a private home. With your help the Butler Area Sewer Authority can start to minimize infiltration and inflow into the public sanitary sewer system, and reduce sewage overflows.

(*) *Contact your municipality about determining a suitable location, far away enough from the building, to discharge these items. The sanitary sewer system was never intended to handle this extra water.*

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