If your home is situated at a lower level than the surrounding land, you may have a lift station to pump wastewater up and out to the sanitation facilities. The lift station is equipped with an alarm to notify you if it is not working. If the alarm has activated, you'll first want to check that the electrical power to the pump is on and that the pump is working.

If resetting the electrical power to the pump does not restart the equipment, you'll need to consult with a professional. A failed lift station pump can cause the entire sewer system to back up into your home.