

# Tolland Building Department

## Information on Failing Concrete Foundations

Please understand that we generally do not have any information regarding where the concrete used to construct your house was purchased from. Anyone wishing to view their street file is welcome to do so.

There are two main ways to replace a foundation:

- 1) One is to completely raise the house up off the old foundation a few feet, remove the old foundation and pour a new one in the same spot, then lower the house back down. In this scenario, you would have to move out of the house for about a month or so.
- 2) The other method is to replace the failed walls in sections. This does not require jacking up the house but does involve removing any decks, patios, landscaping and earth within 6 feet or so of the outside of the existing foundation walls. You usually can, if your contractor allows it, live in the house while the construction is happening.

There are contractors in the area that specialize in replacement of failing foundations. You should ask for references and proof of insurance and licensure.

The Building Official and his staff are more than happy to assist you with any questions you may have about this very daunting issue. The Building Official can be reached at (860) 871-3601 and is typically in the office to answer questions 8:00 AM-10:00 AM and 12:00 PM- 2:00 PM Monday through Thursday and additionally 6:00 PM-7:30 PM on Thursdays.

Helpful links:

<http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=1625&Q=569328>

<http://www.ct.gov/dcp/lib/dcp/ConcreteBrochure.pdf>

<http://www.ct.gov/dcp/lib/dcp/pdf/publications/2016concretebrochure.pdf>

<http://cthousegop.com/2016/03/crumbling-foundation-update/>

<https://courtney.house.gov/services/crumbling-concrete-foundations>

<http://ctsenaterepublicans.com/2015/09/crumbling-foundations-homeowners-say-mottes-interview-raises-more-questions-nbconnecticut-com/#.Vwu9nPkLcu>

<http://cthousegop.com/2016/03/76474/>