

Basement Flood

In February 2018, my family went on vacation to Universal Orlando Resort during February break. When we were away, a small ice dam built up near our basement window. However, the dam melted and completely destroyed our basement. When my family got home, we had to begin tearing apart the basement.

My basement had a fairly deep significance to my family. We had a second living room down there, where my family lived for almost a year when we were having our floors remodeled and our rooms rearranged. After that, our second living room was reduced to just being for sporting events and movies. However, no one misses our basement more than my dad. In addition to being a second living room, our basement was also my dad's office (My dad owns a small local plumbing company). His office is now in his bedroom.

In November 2021, my family finally began renovating the basement. Our plans for the basement are to build a guest room, offices for both of my parents, a second bathroom, and a new version of our second living room. However, we only have the framing for the rooms up as of now.

This whole event made me realize how serious climate change was. I didn't know that a small ice dam could melt randomly in the middle of winter and destroy my family's basement. Hopefully the basement will be done sometime before I begin preparing for college.