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Water Change Disasters, Part 1

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Water changes can be a very easy task, but you can have some disasters along the way. Once I was doing water changes and was at the point of putting fresh water back into the tanks, but at the same time I was trying to catch a female that was holding in another tank. While doing so, I forgot that I was putting water back into another tank. All of a sudden I heard the sound of water splashing on the floor, and when I turned around and saw what was happening, I said (well, never mind what I said). I ran to turn off the water.

I thought, "Oh my, I'm in trouble now." My husband isn't too keen on my fish hobby. There was enough water on the floor to almost cause the electrical strip to start floating. That is when I realized that it was draining into the basement. So I ran downstairs, and just as I thought, it was pouring through the ceiling all over my washer and dryer. Of course it couldn't have been leaking over the wash tubs that sit right next to the washer and dryer. I covered things with towels to soak up the rest of the water that was dripping through the ceilings of the basement. I couldn't get the dryer to work and thought, "Boy, I've done it now." I left things as they were and finished filling the remainder of the tanks, keeping a close eye on things.

The next morning I went downstairs and tossed the wet towels into the dryer thinking it would work after it dried out, but NO! It still didn't work. Keep in mind I still hadn't told my husband what had happened. He probably would have wanted to drown me in one of the tanks. So, I left for work and figured I would tell him when I got home. BUT! When I got home that afternoon my husband had been doing some laundry, and he said he had to flip one of the circuit breakers to get the dryer to work. Well, I got away with that little (BIG) water mishap. I never did say a word about it. He has told me my tanks are going to end up in the basement from all their weight. Well, that is where I'd like to have them, but not from rotting the floor out from too much water on them. Maybe some day I will get to put them downstairs.