# WHAT'S NEW D.R.S. The Inside Scoop at DeHaan Remodeling Specialists

## -Extreme Makeover —

## DOWN UNDER

This 1916, Colonial Revival basement has been transformed into a Whole New Level of Living!

## BEFORE:



This was a typical basement from a house constructed in the early 1900's. It's main purpose was for storage and housing the mechanicals, not for living. We were faced with some definite challenges in re-designing this space:





- Overhead Steam Heating Pipes
- · Stairwell not up to code
- · No Egress Window
- No Underground Plumbing
- · Cluttered Space
- Not a Comfortable Space for living





This "Historic District" Colonial Revival style basement was transformed from a 1916 utility basement to a 2012 cutting edge, luxurious, lower level. We created a fully functional basement which features a "man cave" and game room with Great Northern maple cabinetry, granite counter tops, wide screen TV and the latest electronics, games and sound system. Every space was planned out including the staircase, a full bathroom, a real cedar closet and additional built-in shelving.

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The stylish new staircase, complete with custom built-ins now meets building code requirements.



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Additional storage space was created with custom built-ins and new closets.

The showpiece of the new bathroom is the ceramic tile shower complete with Kohler fixtures.



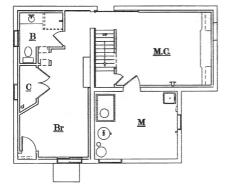
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Most of the challenges during this remodel were due to the age of the house. Many things were not up to current building code requirements and thus needed to be corrected. For example; a basement egress window was incorporated to provide emergency access and the stairwell was completely redone (with new steps and contemporary handrail) to ensure safety. The large steam heating pipes in the ceiling needed to be relocated around the perimeter of the room to allow for adequate ceiling height and provide the room an aesthetically pleasing finish.

The next step was to install the underground plumbing to accommodate the new basement bathroom. In order to position the new plumbing correctly, we needed to replace the concrete floor. We broke up the existing floor and removed all rubble and

dirt debris by hand using pails through the newly installed egress window. The new concrete was delivered by wheel barrow from the street for the new floors. All of this excavation had to be done by hand... making it a very labor intensive project. But, as with every job we do, keeping the inconvenience to our customers to the absolute minimum is foremost on our mind.

From concept to completion, this basement remodel project took 3 months.





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