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Mother's Day, May 10

Mother's Day is a time-honored tradition of recognizing the women in our lives who raised us, dried our tears, and well, mothered us. Everyone has one or has someone who is like a mother to them. On the second Sunday of May, we honor those women who are our mothers. Whether we shower her with gifts, take her to a fancy dinner or make her a homemade card, what moms want most is to be surrounded by the love of her family. Knowing the people they love are safe, sound, and healthy is a mom's number one priority.

HOW TO OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

Pay tribute to your mother this holiday. Surround her with the love she deserves and shower her with the affection and attention you know she wants. For those of us whose moms are no longer with us, spend some time remembering the woman you miss. Visit with those who remember her and honor her memory. If you're a mom, revel in the attention. You deserve it!

Denver Arts Festival

Sat.–Sun., May 23-24, 2026

Cost: Free

Website: denverartsfestival.com

Where: Conservatory Green,
Central Park,

8304 E. 49th Pl. Denver

Be ready for a festival that celebrates the arts and aims to promote some of Colorado's fine artists. The Denver Arts Festival will be celebrating its 27th year and is inviting everyone to come to join the festivities.

The annual arts festival will be held at the Conservatory Green in Central Park from Saturday to Sunday, May 23rd to 24th, 2026. Denver Arts Festival expects around 50,000 people in attendance, so if you love art, be sure not to miss this.

This premier event will showcase fine arts and fine crafts from Colorado and national artists. Apart from the exhibition, there will also be music and art activities for the kids to enjoy.



10 Things Homeowners Should Do Before Summer

Few things are as American as home ownership! Although being a homeowner is the classic American dream, it is actually a big responsibility. Not only is it a large investment, there is the ongoing issue of upkeep and maintenance. This isn't easy to do because every season, every climate and home comes with unique challenges. You have to understand those challenges in order to protect your home and keep it in great shape for years to come. With summer right around the corner, there are some things you'll want to add to your weekend to-do list.

- 1. Check the gutters, even if you cleaned them before spring.** This is the easiest way to make sure that summer showers don't lead to foundation damage. Gutters should be clean of debris, well connected and the downspouts need to usher water away from your foundation.
- 2. Before it gets too warm outside, inspect your home's crawl spaces.** You are looking for moisture first, because even a little moisture can lead to mold and rot. You should also take a note of the temperature in these areas to make sure your insulation is doing its job.
- 3. Schedule a summer HVAC check up.** This will let you beat the summer rush and catch small issues before they lead to expensive repairs and downtime during the hotter months of the year.
- 4. Inspect your home's irrigation system.** This includes examining the lines and nozzles for leaks and clogs. Check your sprinkler heads to make sure they are also working properly.
- 5. Get your yard gear out of storage and check everything out.** This includes checking your mower, trimmer and hoses along with anything you rely on for maintenance. Doing things like checking the oil, starting up everything and making sure hoses haven't developed holes over the winter can save you a lot of frustration!
- 6. Schedule pest control!** Bugs might be few and far between in the winter but spring and summer is a different story. Schedule pest control now to prevent being overrun by creepy crawlers.
- 7. If winter and spring storms have damaged your trees and shrubs, now is the time to take care of it.** Remove dead or unhealthy branches, or call in a professional for help. Luckily, it's a great time to plant if you're wanting to replace dead shrubs or bushes.
- 8. Changing temperatures and moisture can cause big problems for your driveway, sidewalk and foundation.** Walk around and examine everything, paying close attention to cracks. If you notice anything new, call a professional to fix it before it grows into a larger, more expensive problem.

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9. **Check all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as your fire extinguishers.** If you don't have any, make this a priority!
10. **Last but not least, remember to switch out your HVAC filter.** Mark it on your calendar and do it more frequently throughout the cooling season. This will help your equipment work properly, and help keep your utility bill in check.

Brighten Your Home For Spring

Instantly brighten your space by swapping heavy, dark items for light-reflecting, natural alternatives. Key swaps include replacing dark curtains with sheer fabrics, switching to light-colored textiles, introducing mirrors, adding greenery, and changing to warm light bulbs, all of which enhance natural light and create a fresh atmosphere.

1. **Swap Heavy Drapes for Sheer Curtains:** Replace thick, dark window treatments with sheer or light-filtering curtains to maximize natural sunlight and create an airy atmosphere.
2. **Swap Dark Textures for Light Fabrics:** Trade velvet cushions or heavy throws for linen, cotton, or lighter tones to bring warmth without heaviness, instantly elevating the room's aesthetic.
3. **Swap Dark Decor for Mirrors:** Replace small artwork or dark decor pieces with mirrors placed opposite windows to reflect light and create the illusion of a larger, brighter space.
4. **Swap Dry Decor for Greenery/Flowers:** Bring in fresh-cut flowers or leafy green plants to add natural movement, color, and a spa-like freshness to tables and shelves.
5. **Swap Harsh Lights for Warm Bulbs:** Switch out bright white bulbs for warm white bulbs to create a softer, more inviting, and cozy ambiance. These small changes, often recommended for spring or summer refreshes, can significantly boost your mood and the feel of any room.

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In Aurora on May 2-3, 2026

Saturday-Sunday, May 2-3, 2026

Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E Quincy Ave, Aurora

Restrictions: 21+ only, No pets allowed unless service animals

Cost: Tickets vary. Comes with a souvenir glass

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Website: arapahoecountyeventcenter.com/p/signature-events/chalk-lines-and-vines

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FAN EXPO Denver: Thursday-Sunday, May 28-31, 2026

Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St, Denver

Cost: Ticket prices vary

Website: fanexpohq.com/fanexpodenver

Each summer in the Mile High City, FAN EXPO Denver comes to town, bringing fans of all kinds to the Colorado Convention Center. Celebrating comics, sci-fi, horror, anime, cosplay, and gaming, it's a great place to spot celebrities; past attendees have included George Takei, Jason Momoa, Millie Bobby Brown, and William Shatner.

This year, FAN EXPO Denver will feature stars from Stranger Things, The Addams Family, The Office, and more. During this three-day, jam-packed expo, you can expect family-friendly attractions like a costume contest, face painting, and a cosplay catwalk. Split into sections, Author Alley provides visitors with a chance to meet and get an autograph from their favorite authors; meanwhile, at Celebrity Summit, you can get a photograph or an autograph from your favorite actors. FAN EXPO Denver is the perfect place to dress up as a character from your favorite movie, shop for unique merch from your favorite media, attend special seminars and workshops, and watch dueling artists sketch competitively.

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My name is Kyle Gilmore, and I'm a proud resident of Rocky Ridge. Along with my wife and daughter, my family chose this beautiful, quiet neighborhood because it truly felt like the perfect place to call home. As a lifelong resident of Aurora, I have an understanding of our city's incredible growth and the true value of homeownership here.

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