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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!



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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.

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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.
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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The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

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Fire Season Preparedness


Fire season is upon us. With severely dry and windy conditions, all of Colorado is in danger of fire. Here is a list of ways to prepare, ways to prevent, and what to do in case fire threatens our community.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

If you have 10 minutes:


- Evacuate people, children, pets: Have a pet carrier and leash/halter for each furry friend
- Essential documents: passports, visas, wills/trusts/POAs, insurance cards, birth certificates, medical records, password list: in waterproof bags. Consider making copies of these now.


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- Cell phones, chargers, laptops, fresh batteries
- Prescription medications and list of medications
- Purses, wallets, credit cards, cash
- Eyeglasses, sunglasses, contacts, contact solution, hearing aids
- Pet food, people food/snacks*
- Water bottles/water*
- Keys to house, cars, garage
- Precious jewelry
- First aid kit*
- Whistle*
- Necessary assistive devices (wheelchair, walker)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

If you have 30 minutes more:

- OTC medications and vitamin supplements
- Memories: photos, scrapbooks
- Electronics that will fit in the vehicle
- Clothing for 2-3 days: include hats/visors, jackets, gloves, sturdy shoes
- Non-precious jewelry, watches
- Art
- Calendar/daytimer
- Self-care items: lotion, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, toothbrush and toothpaste, feminine and incontinence products
- Flashlight/working batteries
- A cooler with ice
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Cat litter/box, pee pads
- Tool kit
- Towels

* Having a ready-to-go box or bag with non-perishable snacks, water, a whistle, and a first aid kit saves time and can be used for emergencies and travel.

WHEN THERE IS FIRE DANGER:

- Make sure your vehicles are gassed up and backed into the driveway whenever possible.
- Keep your cell phone charged.
- Have a contact list of family, friends, neighbors.
- Know if there are nearby neighbors who are disabled or may otherwise need your help to evacuate safely; have their phone number.
- Have a fire extinguisher and fire blankets in the vehicle if possible.

BEFORE DIRECT FIRE DANGER:

- Remove leaves, branches, clutter, other kindling from at least five feet around your home, garage, deck, and outbuildings. Firewood should be no closer than 30 feet from buildings.
- Trim tree branches that hang above buildings. Keep at least five feet from sides and roof; branches should be no closer than ten feet from chimneys.
- Remove flammable items along fences. Rake leaves, remove branches, clutter. Wood fences are conduits for fire.
- Make certain your house number can be seen from the street.
- Purchase a fire extinguisher and fire blankets.
- Speak to your neighbors if their yard is unsafe.
- Build a list of contacts and locations to meet up. This may include home, school, and work numbers.

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700 14th St, Denver, CO 80202

Date: Thursday–Sunday, May 28-31, 2026

Cost: Tickets vary depending on the number of days you're attending

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 be held from Thursday to Sunday, May 28th to 31st, 2026, and 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. Moreover, Artist Alley is where you can check out comics, unique art, and graphic novels from up-and-comers within the industry. 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.

Denver Arts Festival

Address: Conservatory Green, Central Park,
8304 E. 49th Pl. Denver, CO 80216

Date: Saturday-Sunday, May 23-24, 2026

Cost: Free

Website: denverartsfestival.com

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.

*Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom.
They just open up and turn toward the light
and that makes them beautiful.*

–Jim Carrey

*It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which,
more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome.*

–William James



South Metro Real Estate Market Stats

Here are the latest market stats for Denver Metro. Of note is that while the closed listings are up over last year at this time, the Active Listings are down, and what this graph does not show, is that the New Listings are also down about 6%. Prices are flat from last year. We're facing buyer reluctance to move forward, due to the rates, but also the economy, politics, and the lack of listings to look at. Along with that, sellers have been hesitant to list, so the combination has produced a fairly slow market. Sellers who are listing have been doing well if they have prepared the house and priced correctly. Buyers who find what they like are also experiencing a pretty fair market. All in all, it's a solid market for both buyers and sellers.

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Get Caught Reading Month

- Tuck magazines into your bag. Anytime you have some free time you will have something to read.
- Place books for all ages in the car. Everyone will have something to read. Older children can read to those who haven't mastered the skill.
- Include a book in every room in the house.
- Unplug for the month. Then stop by the library and pick out the latest bestseller or classic on your reading list.
- Charge up the digital reader's battery and load it up. Many classics have been made available for a small fee or no cost.
- Get caught reading to children. Find a snug spot and create a routine that carries on throughout the year.
- Encourage reading during stressful times as a way to distract the mind away from worries and to refocus.

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429 W Jamison Circle	Pending	\$600,000.00		4	3	2,525
7772 S Louthan Street	Pending	\$950,000.00		4	3	3,379
861 W Kettle Avenue	2/17/26	\$699,000.00	\$736,000.00	4	4	3,041
930 W Dry Creek Road	1/20/26	\$1,295,000.00	\$1,295,000.00	5	5	4,041
891 W Kettle Avenue	12/16/25	\$774,973.00	\$775,000.00	4	4	3,380

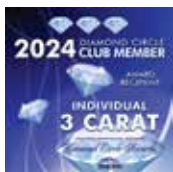
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