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Spring Fling: Creative Ways to Enjoy the Season with Your Family at Home

Did You Know...

The iconic Hollywood sign in Los Angeles was originally constructed as a real estate advertisement to promote property sales in the area. Initially displaying the word "Hollywoodland," the sign underwent a transformation when the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce decided to remove the last four letters over time.

Here's a list of fun spring activities for families to enjoy around the home:

- 1. Backyard Picnic** – Set up a picnic with blankets, sandwiches, and treats to enjoy in your own yard.
- 2. Garden Planting** – Start a small family garden by planting flowers, vegetables, or herbs together.
- 3. DIY Bird Feeders** – Create homemade bird feeders using pinecones, peanut butter, and birdseed.
- 4. Nature Scavenger Hunt** – Organize a scavenger hunt around the yard, looking for different types of leaves, rocks, insects, and flowers.
- 5. Outdoor Obstacle Course** – Set up a fun obstacle course with household items like cones, chairs, and jump ropes.
- 6. Water Balloon Fight** – Have a playful water balloon fight on a sunny day.
- 7. Camping in the Backyard** – Set up a tent and have a backyard camping experience complete with s'mores and storytelling.
- 8. Spring Photography** – Give each family member a camera or smartphone to capture the blooming flowers and changing landscape of spring.
- 9. Outdoor Movie Night** – Set up a projector and screen (or use a white sheet) for a fun movie night under the stars.
- 10. Make a Fairy Garden** – Create a small fairy garden using plants, stones, and tiny decorative items in the backyard.





Blooming Markets: The Spring Surge in Real Estate

Here are some reasons why buying or selling a home is most popular in the spring:

- 1. Better Weather:** Spring offers mild temperatures and longer daylight hours, making it easier to showcase homes and attract more buyers. Curb appeal is also improved as flowers bloom and landscaping thrives.
- 2. Tax Refunds:** Many potential buyers receive tax refunds in the spring, which can help them with down payments or closing costs, making it a financially opportune time to purchase.
- 3. End of the School Year:** Families with children often prefer to move during summer vacation, so spring is the ideal time to start the buying process to settle in before the new school year begins.
- 4. Peak Inventory:** More homes tend to be listed in the spring, giving buyers a wider selection and sellers a larger pool of prospective buyers. Sellers often wait until the spring to list their homes to take advantage of increased buyer activity.
- 5. Competitive Market:** With more buyers entering the market in spring, sellers can often command higher prices due to competition, while buyers face more bidding wars, which motivates them to act quickly.
- 6. Job Relocation:** Many companies plan job relocations or hires to coincide with the start of spring, encouraging homebuyers to move during this season.
- 7. Psychological Fresh Start:** Spring is associated with new beginnings, motivating people to make significant life changes like buying or selling a home.

Weird, but True!

In many cultures, moving into a new house on a Friday is regarded as bad luck. This superstition stems from the belief that relocating on a Friday—particularly if it falls on Friday the 13th—can invite misfortune and disrupt the household's ability to settle in and enjoy a harmonious life. While many view this as merely a superstition, some individuals take it to heart, opting to avoid moving on an "unlucky" Friday to ensure a smoother transition.



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