1. **Jump start your garden.**
   Plant seeds in cups now and be the first to fill your cornucopia come summertime. For the price of 1 hefty heirloom tomato at the fruit stand, you could grow bushels. While you wait, have some fun with your fresh shoots and give each a friendly face to go with that growing green 'do.

2. **Befriend the butterflies.**
   Nothing makes a garden lovelier than spots of color fluttering from flower to flower. Create your own butterfly feeder and encourage pretty pollinators with a meal they can’t resist. With a kaleidoscope of petals and wings outside your window, every day will be a garden party.

3. **Add new life to an old tire.**
   After countless quick stops, cobblestones, and RPMs, give your hardworking wheels a rest and put them out to pasture. Making a planter out of old tires is a great way to recycle and add a little vroom vroom to your yard, porch, or favorite maple tree.

4. **Grab spring offerings fast.**
   Morels, ramps (wild leeks), fiddlehead ferns — Mother Nature opens her hand and bestows these treasures only briefly, so don’t let the spring harvest catch you sleeping. Try delicate sorrel... humble enough to play a small role in any salad or bold enough to take top billing in soup.

5. **Go on a spring scavenger hunt.**
   Pass out a list of spring-themed items, and let the race begin. Offer a prize for the person who returns with the biggest haul.

6. **Debut your yard in style.**
   Break out the croquet set and host a Gatsby-style lawn party or awaken the grill from winter slumbers, then invite friends and family to bring side dishes for the season’s inaugural barbeque. Decorating adds to the atmosphere. Stringing lights, placing flowers, hanging ornaments — they’re all ways of letting spring know how glad you are it’s finally here.
7. **Spring clean and simplify.**
   Let fresh breezes in and get your house in shape for summer. No need to do it all in a day; tackle 1 room at a time or assign each to family members, and you’ll be done before you know it.

8. **Pass on your treasures.**
   Now that your house is spic and span, what to do with that pile of unwanted, unneeded items? Donate giveaways or hold a yard sale blow-out and give the proceeds to a favorite cause.

9. **Dance (and sing) in the rain.**
   Barring thunder and lightning, nothing beats the ambience of softly falling showers and wet grass for a spring jig in the backyard. Or, armed with umbrella and galoshes, walk the wet streets and listen to a thirsty world come alive.

10. **Make a spring bucket list.**
    Always wanted to see Yosemite? Ride a horse? Run 5 miles without stopping? Throw your own clambake? List all the things you want to get done before fall, post them on your fridge, and reward yourself every time you tick off an item.

11. **“Bake” a watermelon cake.**
    Gorgeous, delicious, and healthy to boot, keep your kitchen cool and serve this juicy dessert at your next gathering. Customize it with your favorite fruits and nuts or pick another melon to transform.

12. **Visit the spring’s new arrivals.**
    The countryside is coming alive with the sounds of bleats and peeps. Interested in bottle feeding a wee calf? Many farms give visitors hands-on experience with young creatures.

13. **Adopt a pet.**
    Spring is a great time to start, or expand, your furry family. Warmer temperatures make house training, pet walking, and ball throwing much more pleasant. Head to your local animal shelter and pick a fuzzy face to bring home.