

# 101 Things to Do Instead of Spending Money

1. Sightsee the landmarks of your city
2. Do a city scavenger hunt
3. Go on a photo expedition around your city
4. Take a stroll in the park
5. Explore a different town
6. Go for a bike ride
7. Go for a hike or run in the outdoors
8. Try out a new gym using a free trial
9. Try out a new form of exercise (e.g., YouTube yoga videos)
10. Visit a museum on a free admission day
11. Attend a free music concert at a local college or music school
12. Make a short film using your cell phone and free editing software
13. Visit an old friend
14. Write a letter to a cause you support or someone you know
15. Make greeting cards for the next holiday or birthday
16. Write emails or call someone you haven't spoken to in a while
17. Teach a child a basic skill like riding a bike or playing an instrument
18. Visit the animal shelter
19. Play with your dog or a friend's dog
20. Give your dog a bath
21. Teach your dog new tricks
22. Volunteer at a senior citizens center, an animal shelter, or a soup kitchen
23. Check out videos and books at the library
24. Attend your library's programming (e.g., book club or knitting group)
25. Learn a new language
26. Learn a new skill such as coding
27. Take a free online course
28. Plan your next vacation
29. Help a friend pack and move houses
30. Read a book you've been wanting to read for a while

31. Attend a Meetup group get-together
32. Join a team sport like kickball in the park
33. Play a pick-up game of basketball or tennis
34. Meal plan for the next week or month
35. Attend a free street fair or music festival
36. Play a musical instrument
37. Window shop and try on absurd outfits that you would never buy
38. Clean out your closet
39. Make new outfits with your old clothes
40. List your items to sell online
41. Hold a garage sale for items of value
42. Host a clothing swap (or toy swap or any other swap)
43. Donate unwanted items to a charity
44. Declutter and clean your entire house
45. Decorate your house with seasonal items
46. Rearrange your furniture to give your place a fresh look
47. Talk to your parents or family members to learn your family history
48. Put together an album of family photos (digital or physical)
49. Help older family members or friends run some errands
50. Write your own biography
51. Start a journal or a blog
52. Start writing your novel
53. Organize your Pinterest account
54. Prep pictures and captions for you Instagram account
55. Tend to your garden or lawn
56. Cook a meal with what's in your pantry
57. Bake some bread or muffins
58. Host a potluck get-together with homemade foods from the pantry
59. Make a family recipe book with all your favorite recipes
60. Make money starting a side hustle or two
61. Set up that online shop you've been thinking about
62. Check out new podcasts
63. Binge watch a TV show
64. Have a movie marathon
65. Play video games with friends
66. Play card games, board games, or puzzles that you have at home

67. Make a bucket list
68. Review your finances/budget to make sure they're in tip top shape
69. Review your financial documents to ensure they're correct
70. Brainstorm your financial goals and make a plan to achieve them
71. Plan your short-term and long-term personal and professional goals
72. Make a vision board
73. Learn to sew, knit, crochet, bind books, etc.
74. Mend your clothes (like sewing buttons back on)
75. Repurpose old clothes and material into new items (e.g., a quilt and doll clothes)
76. Create homemade gifts for birthdays and holidays
77. Organize your computer files and email inbox
78. Find new blogs to follow
79. Learn to do your hair, makeup, nails, etc. watching video tutorials on YouTube
80. Learn some dance moves with free video tutorials
81. Give yourself an at-home spa day
82. Play in the snow
83. Have a picnic on a nice day
84. Fire up the BBQ and cook what's in the fridge
85. Spend the afternoon at the beach or lake
86. Take a self-guided architectural tour
87. Attend a book reading or meet-and-greet at a bookshop
88. Use your gift cards, reward points, etc. before they expire
89. Wash your car
90. Find some new music to add to your playlist
91. Snuggle in front of the fireplace with a cup of tea or hot cocoa
92. Explore top museums of the world on Google Arts & Culture
93. Read up on unexplained and unsolved mysteries
94. Sign up for a free month trial of Netflix or Amazon Video or other entertainment (just be sure to cancel before your month is up)
95. Join a neighborhood clean-up
96. Get lost in a free online game
97. Play cognitive games (Sudoku, crossword puzzles, memory games)
98. Go fishing
99. Apply for a new job
100. Go for a drive someplace new
101. Enter online raffles and giveaways (you'd be surprised at what you can win)