



IFTTT enables users to create and share "Recipes" that fit the statement: "if this then that".<sup>[1]</sup> The "this" part of a Recipe is called a Trigger. Some example Triggers are "I'm tagged in a photo on [Facebook](#)" or "I check in on [Foursquare](#)". The "that" part of a Recipe is called an Action. Some example Actions are "send me a text message" or "create a status message on Facebook". The combination of a Trigger and an Action from a user's active channels are called Recipes.<sup>[4]</sup> The service offers Triggers and Actions for 121 channels,<sup>[5]</sup> such as [Twitter](#), [Foursquare](#), [Flickr](#), and [Box](#).<sup>[6]</sup> In June 2012, the service entered the [Internet of Things](#) space by integrating with [Belkin WeMo](#) devices,<sup>[7]</sup> allowing Recipes to interact with the physical world. By combining IFTTT with other services such as [Yahoo! Pipes](#), one can build elaborate systems that enable easier consumption of content from a variety of sources.

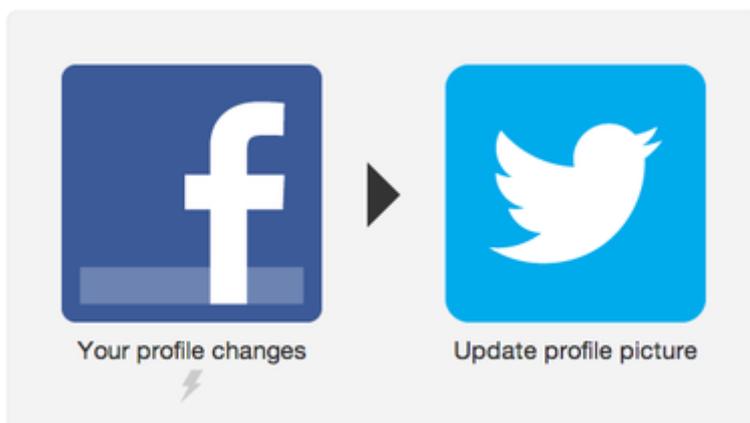
Not a lot of people think about automating their lives. Time is like money and it is really easy to "nickel and dime" your day away. What I mean is, having to do a lot of small tasks can accumulate to be a huge time suck.

We have [talked about IFTTT](#) here on Lifehack. A lot of times the web-app is talked about, but all of the really useful Recipes are overlooked. That's the part we will be talking about today: a big list of IFTTT Recipes you can use to make your life easier.

## Social Accounts

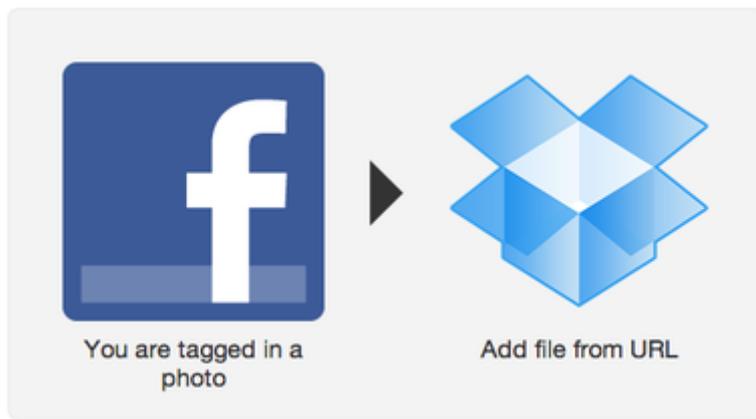
Social media is a huge time suck if you let it be. A lot of the recipes below can really speed up your social network interactions.

1. Easily change your profile pictures. When you change your Facebook, your Twitter profile picture updates automatically.

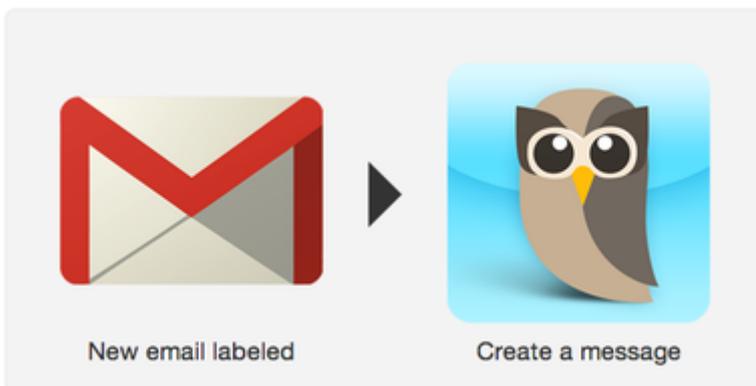


2. When you are tagged in a photo on Facebook, the image is sent to your Dropbox.

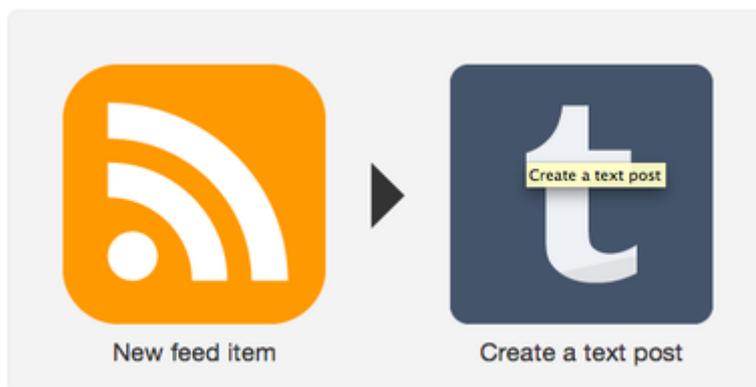
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3. When you receive a new email about a new Twitter follower in your Gmail inbox, tweet the new follower a welcome message. <https://ifttt.com/recipes/76862>



4. Automatically send your Tweets to Tumblr Archive so you don't need to manually post them again on Tumblr. <https://ifttt.com/recipes/58146>



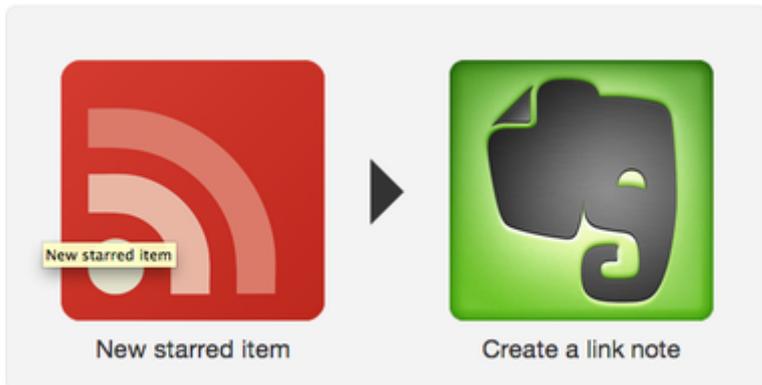
5. Easily add YouTube videos you mark as Watch Later to Evernote. <https://ifttt.com/recipes/80233>



6. The same thing as recipe above but it adds the YouTube videos you favorite to Journal in Evernote – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/80969>

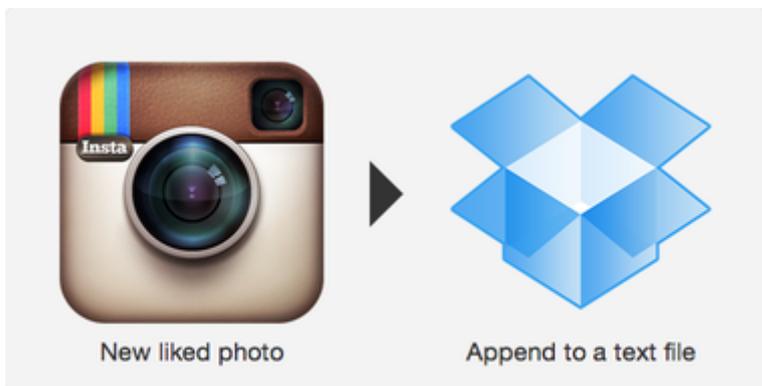


7. Adds anything starred in Google Reader to a note in Evernote for later reading or keeping track of interesting articles

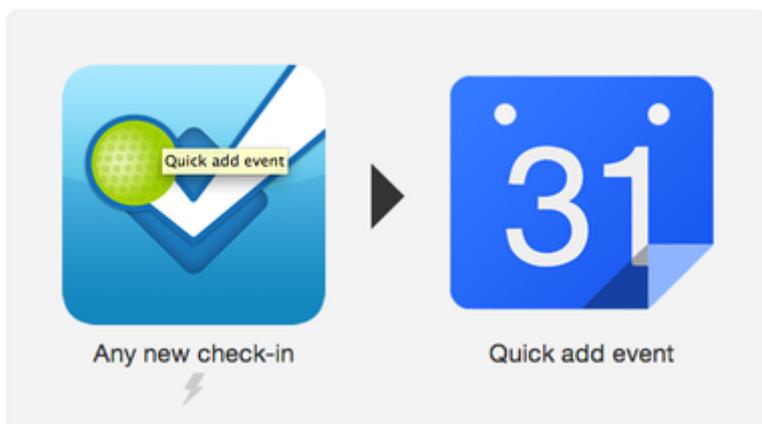


8. Easily save the an archive of Instagram likes in a Dropbox folder

<https://ifttt.com/recipes/82149>



9. For the avid Foursquare user, you can have all of your check-ins logged into your Google Calendar. – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/21314>

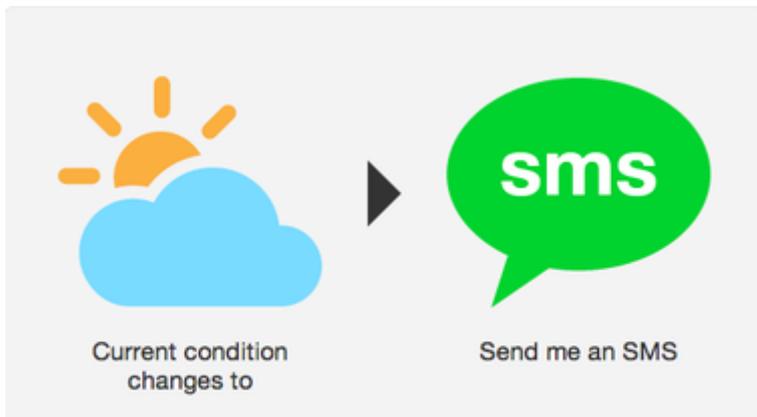


## Weather

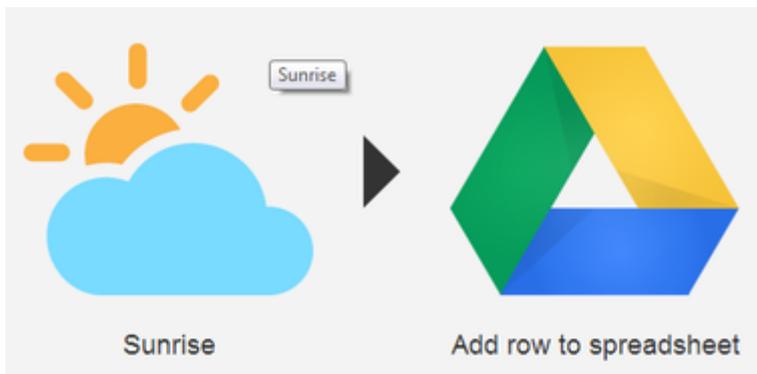
Automating any important weather updates will make a life a lot easier. Some of the recipes below will let you know when the weather changes, automatically track when it rains and more.

10. Receive a text message when the weather changes. While the default is set to notify you of rain, you can change the trigger to use rain, snow, cloudy or clear. –

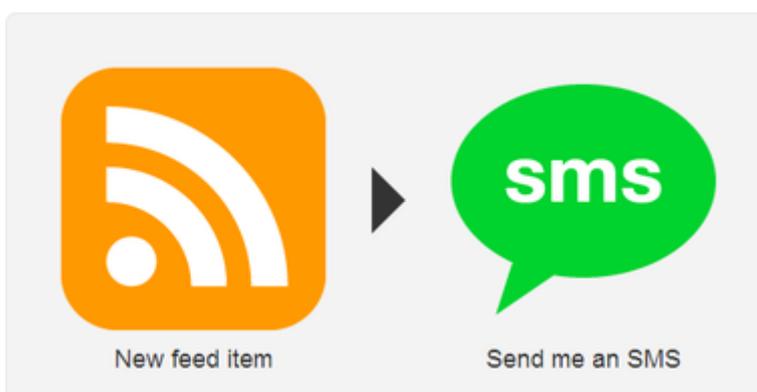
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11. When you want to keep track of the weather each day, this recipe will log the weather conditions daily at sunrise to a spreadsheet in Google Drive. – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/55432>

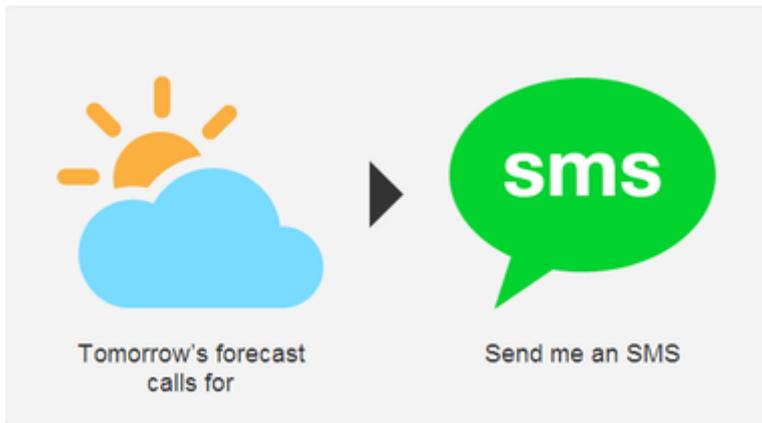


12. Receive a text message from the NOAA Severe Weather service when there is bad weather near you. – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/23025>

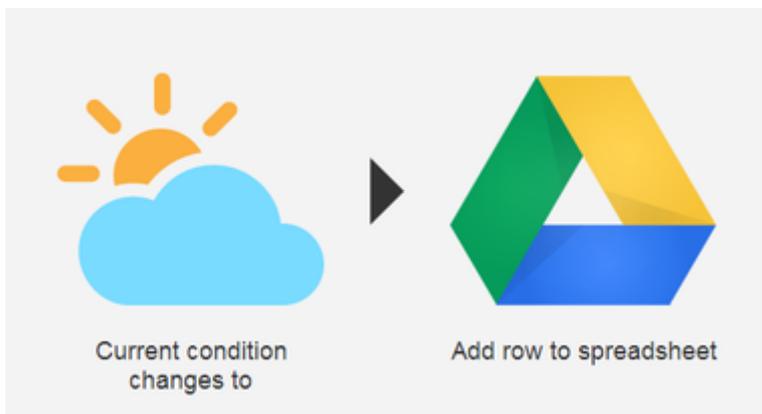


13. Be notified by text message of the weather when it calls for rain, snow, cloudy or clear weather. You will also receive the high and low temperatures for the day. –

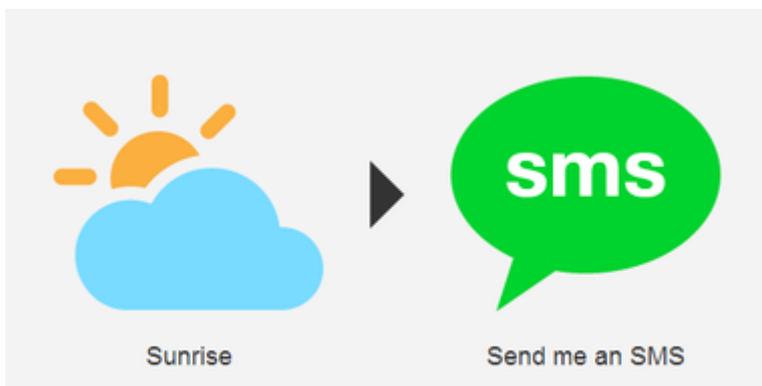
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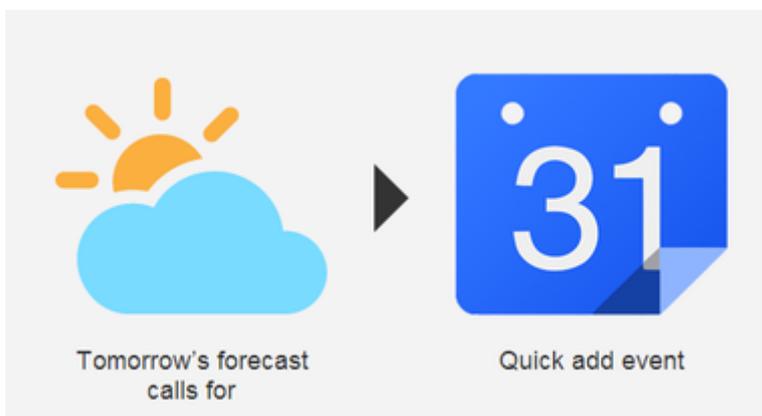
14. Log rain in your city to a spreadsheet as it happens. This recipe will also add to a spreadsheet in your Google Drive. –<https://ifttt.com/recipes/54658>



15. Receive a text message with the forecasted weather every morning –  
<https://ifttt.com/recipes/79796>



16. Do you ride a bike to work sometimes? This recipe will add an event to your Google Calendar letting you know it's cool to bike to work. It will also let you know the temperature so you know what to wear. –<https://ifttt.com/recipes/62493>

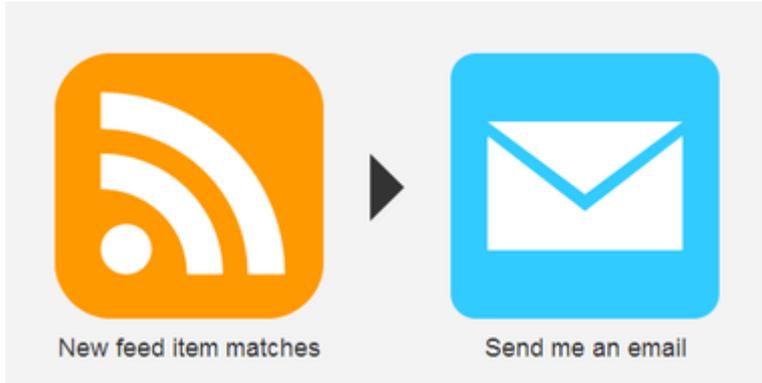


## Just for fun

Some of the other things you can add recipes to your account to do are more for fun than being important.

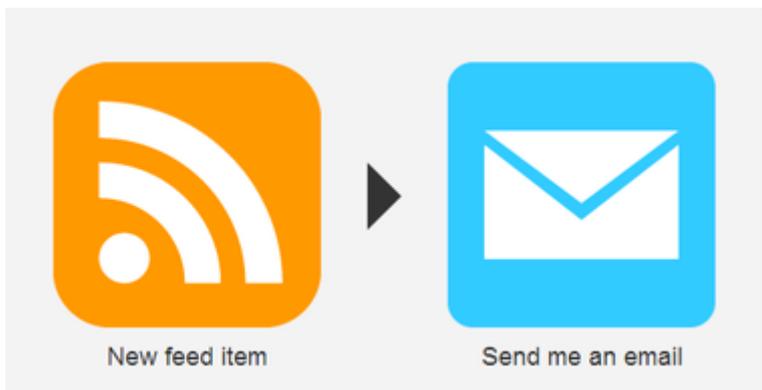
17. Every morning you can receive an email with '10 Things To Know This Morning.' –

<https://ifttt.com/recipes/12567>



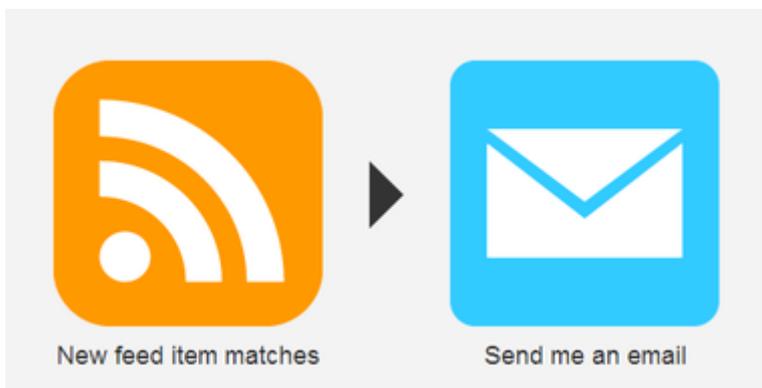
18. When a new book is added to Kindle Top 100 Free eBooks you will receive an email. -

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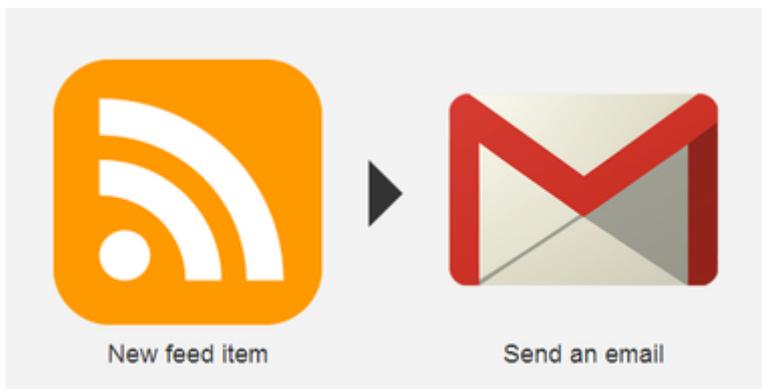
19. If you are always on the lookout for new cool wallpapers for your computer desktop background, This recipe will look on Reddit and email you a 3840×1080 wallpaper from

r/wallpaper – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/81720>

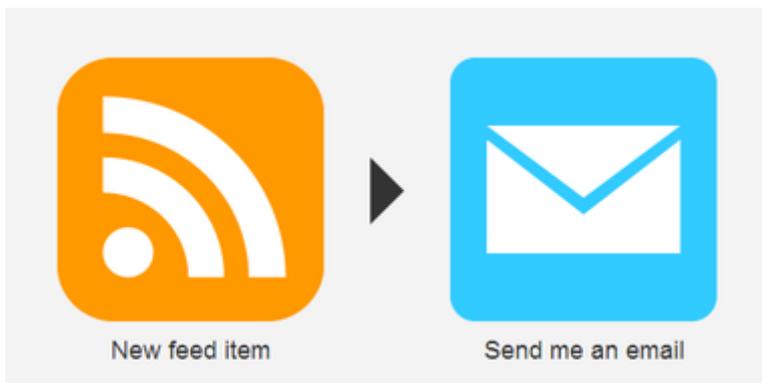


20. It's not like many people receive and read the daily newspaper anymore. This means a lot of time you miss your daily comics. Get the Daily Dilbert comic strip delivered to your email. –

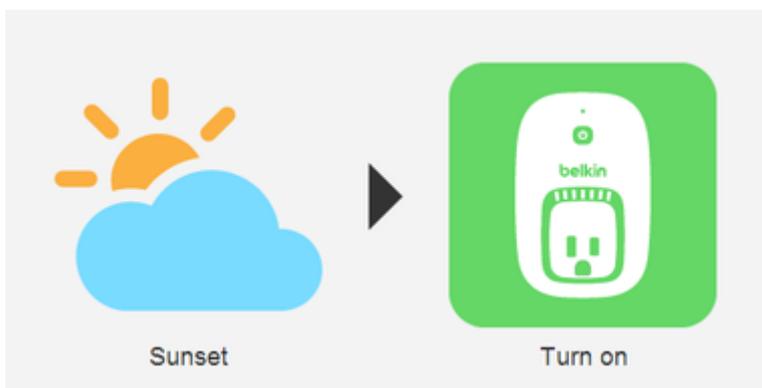
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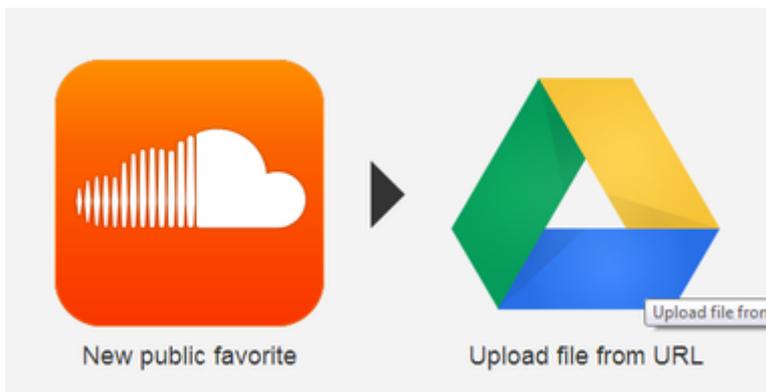
21. Want to make sure you know what the new and cool movies and television shows are on Netflix? This recipe will email you when new titles are added to Netflix's streaming service. – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/12317>



22. If you are into home automation and have some Belkin WeMo Switches, you can use a recipe to turn on some lights or other devices when the sun goes down. – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/41418>

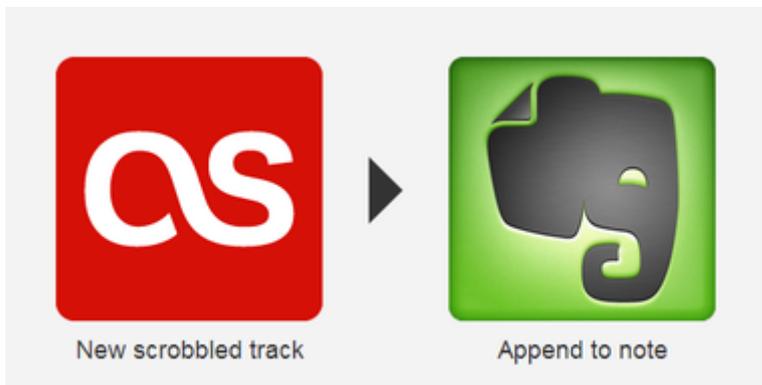


23. Keeping up with all of the new music coming out is hard. This recipe will download publicly favorited songs on SoundCloud to your Google Drive. - <https://ifttt.com/recipes/70843>



24. Catalog your Last.fm music history to a single Evernote note.

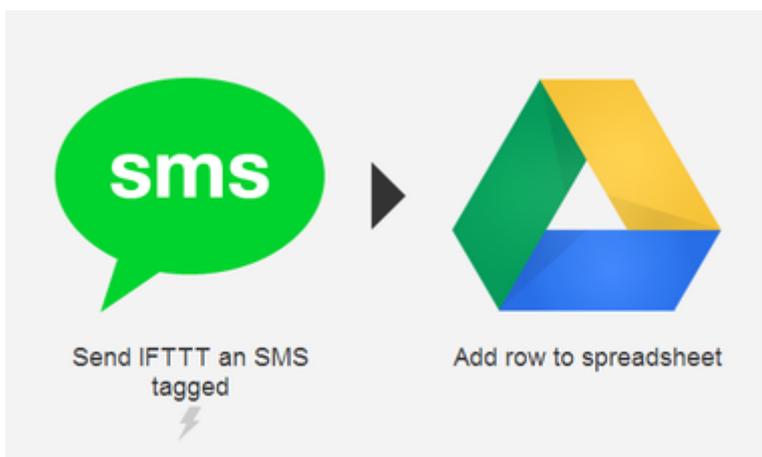
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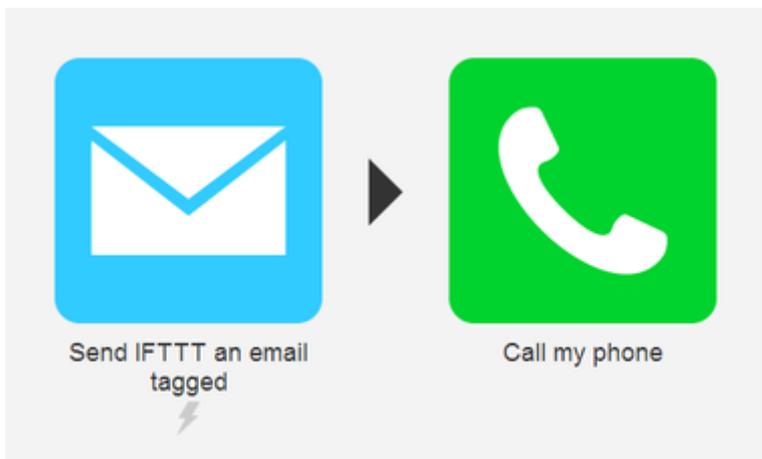
## Personal

25. Do you want to track the days you actually go to the gym? Send IFTTT a text message with a hashtag like #workout and a line will be added to a spreadsheet in Google Drive. –

<https://ifttt.com/recipes/82433>

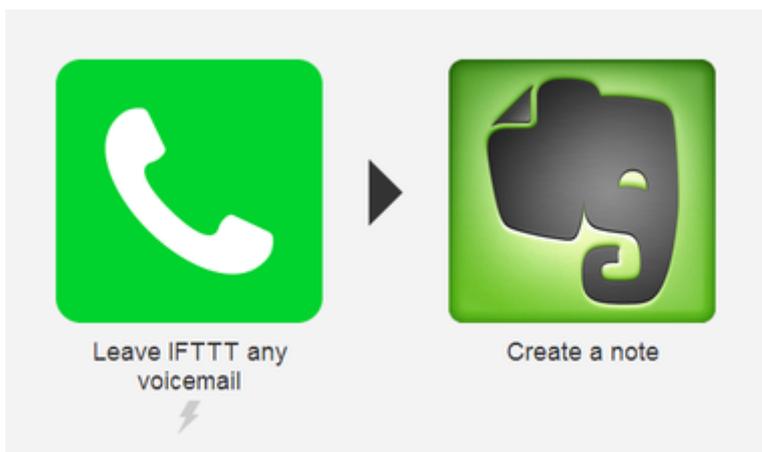


26. Want an easy way to find your phone? Send an email to IFTTT and IFTTT will call your phone to help you find it. – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/68196>

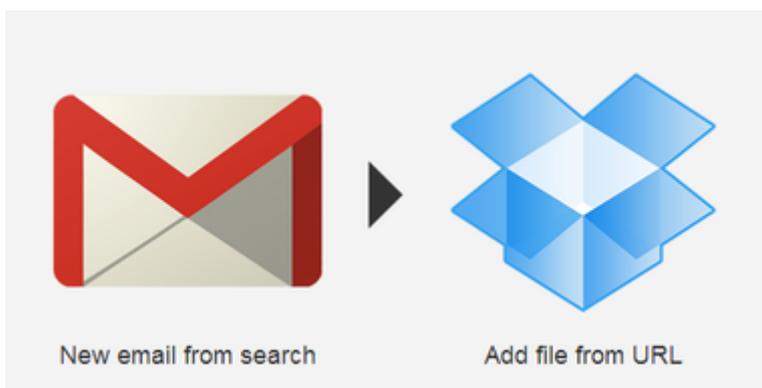


27. Don't have access to your Evernote account? Sent IFTTT a voicemail and it will be transcribed and placed in Evernote (with a link to the original audio). –

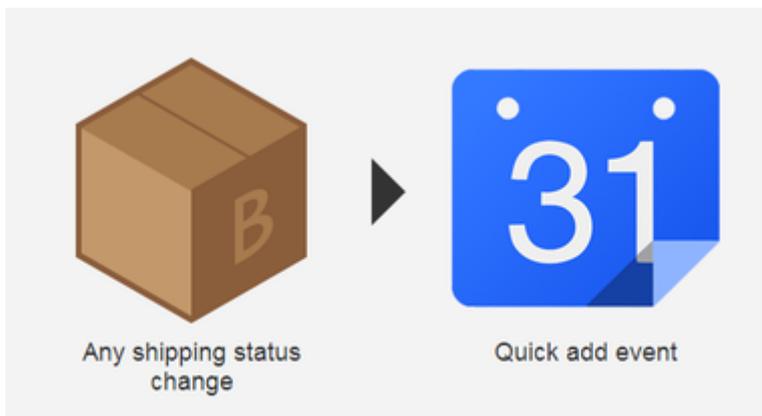
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28. Now all your orders at one place! This will create PDF of the receipts in your Gmail and save to Dropbox

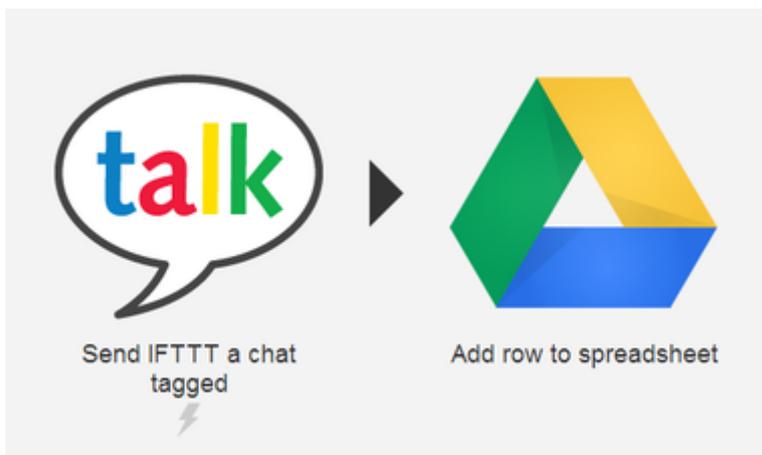


29. When you order a package, you can have the package tracking show up in Google Calander – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/69099>

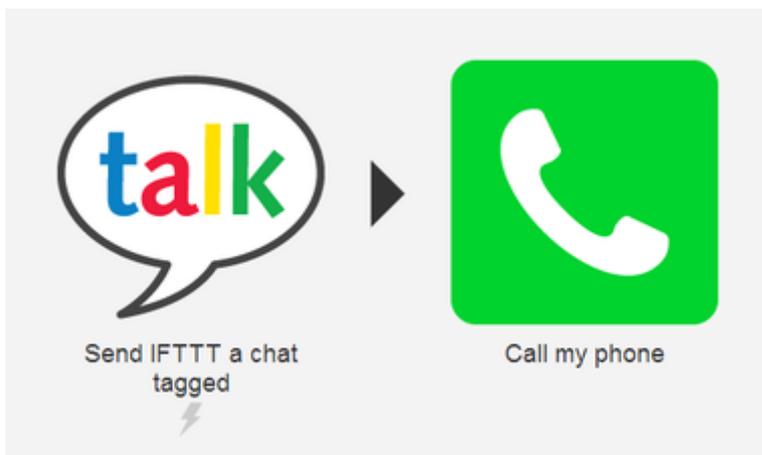


30. Are you a Google chat user? Use it to track your gas log by sending IFTTT a message with your mileage, odometer reading and other information will be placed into a spreadsheet. –

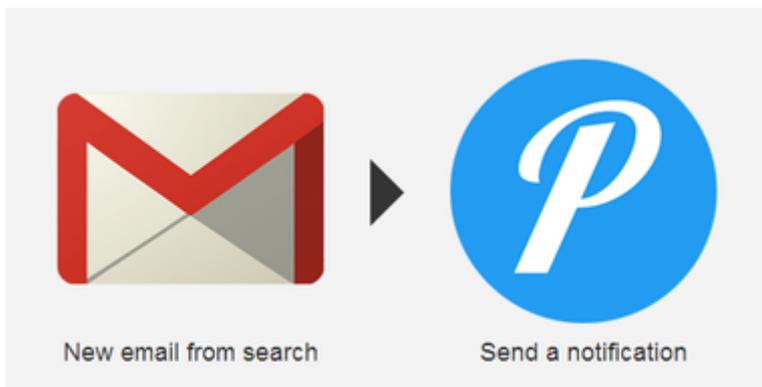
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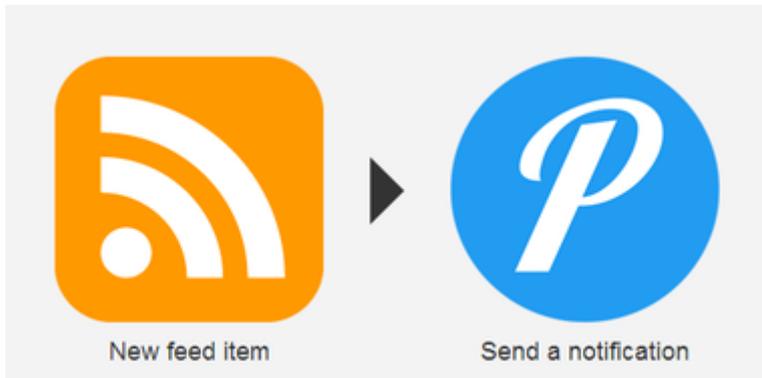
31. Are you stuck in a horrible conversation and need an excuse to walk away? Send IFTTT a message and it will call you back with a rescue call –<https://ifttt.com/recipes/737>



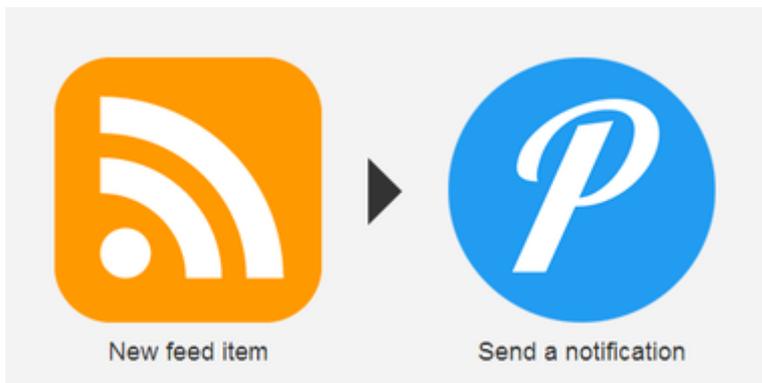
32. Another way to be notified when your package is shipped. In this case it is specific to Amazon items. – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/46797>



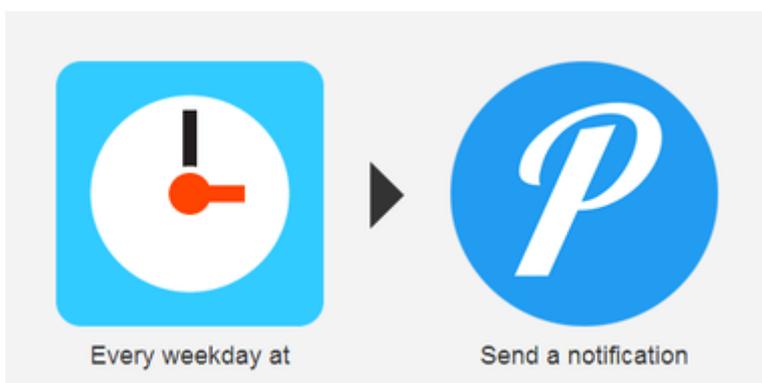
33. Do you like to see what the free Android app of the day is on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)? This recipe will send you a reminder through Pushover. – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/46885>



34. If new Humble Bundle announced notify Pushover – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/47266>



35. Receive a Pushover reminder to take out the trash in the morning. With this recipe you can choose the day or days of the week and time to receive the notification. If you want the notification to be used for something other than taking out the trash, you can change the message too. – <https://ifttt.com/recipes/46453>



These are only a few of the thousands of possible recipes created and shared by other

people, not to mention the almost infinite number of channels you can combine to make your own recipes.

Do you have a really cool IFTTT recipe you'd like to share? Link to it in the comment section below.