



Hot ways to stay cool

S TEMPERATURES rise, home owners start thinking of economical ways to cool hot, stuffy rooms.

Some home-cooling methods are

affordable and easy for the do-it-yourselfer to install. Other methods, such as air-conditioning units, are somewhat costller and require more

planning.

Awnings are especially affordable and effective. Install them on windows facing east, west and south.
Reducing the intake of heat through
windows, awnings work best in white
or light colors to reflect the sun.
Shop for retractable or removable

awnings to remove during cool-weather months, when you want the house to catch as much sunlight as

YOU ALSO CAN reduce heat intake through windows with specially tinted or coated glass. And don't overlook something as simple as heavy shaden or drapes to block the

Fans are another mainstay of hot-weather months.

Whole-house fans are used to ven-tilate the entire house by sending hot air out through vents in the attic while drawing cool air in through open windows.

Ceiling fans have made a comeback as home-cooling devices and important decorating accessories. They circulate cool air throughout a room, and can help an air conditioner work more efficiently.

You will find ceiling fans in sleek, high-tech designs, country-style brass and oak or in simple cool white, which looks particularly re-freshing when temperatures rise.

WHEN THE WEATHERIS humid and unbearable, nothing works bet-ter than an air conditioner. They are

ter than an air conditioner. They are so effective that 60 percent of all homes boast a window-mounted or central air-conditioning, like central heating, works throughout the house. It is quiet, but can be expensive to install and run if, you are cooling rooms that are hardly used.

Window units are the most popular because they are more affordable. Moreover, a competent do-ti-yourselfer can install a window unit in a day.

The main drawbacks to window-units are that they can be noisy and mits are that they can be noisy and can only cool one room. Before pur-chasing a unit, calculate the room's square footage. An air conditioner that is too small runs non-stop with-out really doing the job, while one that is too big shuts off before it lowers the room's humidity level.