



**To keep your fermenter cool during fermentation try the following:**

Put your fermenter in a plastic tray or similar with about 100mm of cold water in the tray. Now get an old towel and cut a hole for the air lock and wet the towel and drape over your fermenter with both ends of the towel in the cold water.

Keep the towel wet at all times and this will keep your brew to a temperature between 20 and 25 Degrees Celsius. You will have to keep topping up the water as in the hot weather a lot of it will evaporate during the day. On extremely hot days you can make some blocks of ice (used Chinese Food containers or similar are ideal for this) and place a block of ice on top of the fermenter in the morning and again in the afternoon. As the ice melts the cold water will run down the towel and keep the brew cool.

Another very effective method is to freeze some plastic PET or juice or milk bottles filled with water. Place some of these around your fermenter and then cover with an old blanket or similar. This will keep the air around your fermenter cool on very hot days. You will need to have two sets of frozen bottles so you can change them over as they melt. You might also need to change the bottles over a couple of times a day in extreme heat.

**Another important thing is the storage of your bottled beer:**

If your bottles are stored in an area where the air temperature gets above 30 Degrees Celsius there is every chance that the increased temperature will cause CO<sub>2</sub> to come out of solution, causing an increase of pressure within the bottle and cause your bottles to explode. Beer stored at high temperatures will also give off flavours and make your homebrew undrinkable. Try to store your bottles on the Eastern or Southern side of your home or shed. If you can keep the bottles away from the Western side you will not get that hot afternoon sun causing the temperature to rise. DO NOT store beer in garden sheds or similar. These get extremely hot in summer and will not do your beer any good at all. If storage room permits then keep your homebrew in the coolest part of the house or garage. Once again in extreme heat a few wet towels or similar draped over your bottles will help keep them cool.

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