

## Stop the Sand Invasion

piles of sand crawling inside your beach house is one of the irritating problems, yet the solution is effortless. With few simple actions that can be done while doing the annual maintenance, the problem will exist no more.

Choosing the right flooring probably is the best defense against sand. Certainly, ceramic tile floors are the best option.

Also, if you can install a foot shower by the beach entrance will help and it's cheap.

Furthermore, make sure to store beach chairs and toys outside and to rinse them off often as they are always showered with sand.

Another smart move is to locate the laundry right by the beach entrance, so wet towels can go right into the washer.

And finally, as usual place large door mats in front of every entrance and also immediately inside.

However, we will all go back home after the summer season is over sand in the corner of our suitcases.



## The Power of a Pillow



Sofa Pillows or cushions –as some people like to call them- are a powerful decorative accessory which is understated. The widely held idea is that their functional benefit is to enhance comfort only, and they have to be of the same fabric as the furniture.

However, they can incredibly transform the look of any room, if the right number and colors of pillows is used. Perhaps the ease of changing them every season and even during holidays is their best quality.

To do it successfully, you have to first decide what mood you would like to emphasize, and then choose the fitting color scheme. For the summer bright colors like green, blue, hot pink and white are excellent choices. Meanwhile, earth colors are very best for winter.

They come in countless colors, patterns, shapes, and fabrics, so go wild, and mix'n'match.

The cost of home cooling is sky rocketing due to the price increase of energy. Besides, using air-conditions or fans 24/7 is neither healthy nor eco-friendly.

The solution is to use passive cooling techniques, which is all about stopping the temperature of indoor areas from building up.

**This is done as follows:**

- Instill light color shads, drapes, and block-outs, and heat blocking window films, to prevent the sun heat from entering the house.
- Use plants to shade your house; long trees if you have a garden, and crawling plants in balconies.
- Turn off unused appliances and schedule household activities that generate heat and humidity like dishwashing or laundry in the afternoon or at night.
- Get rid of old and inefficient domestic appliances and get new ones, as they generate more heat.
- The best technique of all is to spend the whole summer by the beach and enjoy the sun and the fun.

## Unconventional Cooling Techniques



## Wicker furniture maintenance



For all wicker furniture lovers, the best way to preserve it is to use the traditional car wax to coat it from time to time. The wax will keep it moist and prevent cracking.

In addition to that, the UV protection factor will shield it against damages caused by the sun.