

Introduction to Tovelng: Utensils

Tevila is the Hebrew word for immersion. You must tovel (immerse in a mikva or other halachically purifying water) new utensils made of metal or other materials that require tevila unless you know that they were:

- Made by a Jew,
- Sold by a Jew, and
- Not owned by a non-Jew in between.

Tovelng: Utensils: How To Tovel

To tovel a utensil, you may go to any kosher natural mikva (see section on natural mikvas) or to a mikvat keilim (a small mikva for utensils, often attached to the outside of a regular mikva building). To tovel several items, some of which require a blessing and some on which there is doubt whether a blessing is necessary, say the blessing over the item that requires the blessing and have in mind that the blessing will cover all the rest of your items.

Remember to remove all stickers, rust, etc., before you begin. Nail polish remover may help with stubborn stickers. Say the blessing al tevilat keilim and then let the item free fall through the water. Unlike with hagala, during which the item may be immersed in sections, when you tovel a utensil, the entire item must be in contact with the water at the same time, even if only for an instant.

Tovelng: Utensils: What Gets Toveled?

NOTE The main halacha applies to metal utensils that will be used repeatedly.

Say the blessing al tevilat keilim on metal or glass items--including Pyrex, Duralex, and Corelle-- that come in contact with food. Items that require tovelng include:

- Bowls
- Cups
- Forks
- Knives
- Pans
- Plates
- Pots
- Spoons
- Storage containers (only if they are brought to the table).

The below chart is copied with permission from the Star-K (www.star-k.org):

| <u>Utensil</u> | <u>Tevila</u> <u>Guideline</u> | <u>Utensil</u> | <u>Tevila</u> <u>Guideline</u> |
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| Aluminum Pans, Disposable <i>if intended to be used more than once</i> | <u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u> | Meat Tenderizer Hammer, Metal | No <u>Tevila</u> |
| Aluminum Pans, Disposable <i>to be used only once</i> | <u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u> | Melamine | No <u>Tevila</u> |
| <u>Blech</u> | No <u>Tevila</u> | Metal Cutlery | <u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u> |
| Blender with metal blade on bottom | <u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u> | Metal Flour and Sugar Storage Canisters | <u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u> |
| Bone | No <u>Tevila</u> | Metal Pots Coated with Teflon, Enamel or Plastic | <u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u> |

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| Brush, Pastry | No <u>Tevila</u> | Metal w/o <u>Brocha</u> Spoon Specifically for Medicine |
| Brush for Grill, Metal | No <u>Tevila</u> | Metal w/o <u>Brocha</u> Turntable, Glass |
| Can Opener | No <u>Tevila</u> | Metal w/o <u>Brocha</u> Beaters |
| Cans, Reusable Empty <i>if opened by a Yehudi</i> | No <u>Tevila</u> | No <u>Tevila</u> |
| China, Bone | <u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u> | Food with <u>Brocha</u> Vegetable |
| China, Glazed | <u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u> | No <u>Tevila</u> |
| Colander, Metal | <u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u> | Food w/o <u>Brocha</u> Enamel |
| Cookie Cutters, Metal | No <u>Tevila</u> | Food w/o <u>Brocha</u> Cooling |
| Cookie Sheets, Metal | <u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u> | No <u>Tevila</u> Oven |
| Cork Screw | No <u>Tevila</u> | No <u>Tevila</u> Pins <i>Metal</i> <i>or</i> <i>Wood</i> |
| Corningware | <u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u> | Sandwich with <u>Brocha</u> Maker |
| Crockpot Ceramic Insert | <u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u> | No <u>Tevila</u> |
| Crockpot Glass Lid | <u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u> | No <u>Tevila</u> Racks, Stainless Steel |
| Crockpot Outside Metal Shell | No <u>Tevila</u> | Spatula with <u>Brocha</u> Metal |
| Dish Rack, Metal | No <u>Tevila</u> | Stoneware w/o <u>Brocha</u> |
| Dishes, Ceramic | <u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u> | No <u>Tevila</u> , Non- Glazed |
| Earthenware, Non-Glazed <i>Dull Finish, e.g. Flower Pot</i> | No <u>Tevila</u> | No <u>Tevila</u> Utensils, Glass <i>not</i> <i>brought</i> <i>to</i> <i>the</i> <i>table</i> |
| George Foreman Grill | <u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u> | No <u>Tevila</u> |
| Glass <i>(including Pyrex, Duralex & Corelle)</i> | <u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u> | <u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u> Kettle, Corelle |

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| Grater, Metal <i>used for foods that are ready to eat, eg, apples, onions</i> | <u>Tevila with Brocha</u> | <u>Toaster w/o Brocha</u> which will not break |
| Grater, Metal <i>used only for foods that need further cooking, eg potatoes</i> | <u>Tevila w/o Brocha</u> | Toaster with <u>Brocha</u> Oven rack & tray only |
| Hamburger Maker | <u>Tevila with Brocha</u> | Non-Tevila Metal |
| Hot Air Popcorn Maker, Metal | <u>Tevila with Brocha</u> | <u>Waffle</u> with <u>Brocha</u> Iron |
| Hot Water Urn, Metal | <u>Tevila with Brocha</u> | Worthinga Tray |
| Knife, Arts & Crafts | No <u>Tevila</u> | Wood <u>Tevila</u> |
| Knife Sharpener | No <u>Tevila</u> | Woolen w/o <u>Brocha</u> Cask with Metal Straps |
| Meat Thermometer | No <u>Tevila</u> | |