Kashrut: Non-Certified Soap

Soap must be considered non-*kosher* unless it is certified *kosher*. Soap without *kosher* supervision should not *l'chatchila* be used on food utensils--even if you use cold water and even on glass--because a soap residue adheres to the surfaces, even after careful rinsing.

Soaps/Detergents

Bar soap is generally made from animal fat. Since all soaps do have taste and might be edible by a dog, they might not be nifsal for a dog and therefore cannot be used on eating utensils.

NOTE However, a dish remains *kosher b'di'avad* if washed with cold water and non-*kosher* soap made from non-*kosher* fat.

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