Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Dishwashers: Neutral/Pareve Item

You may not wash a neutral/ *pareve* dish in a meat or *milk* dishwasher--even if there are no dirty dishes with *milk* or meat on them and even if there are no other dishes in the dishwasher. If you did, the neutral/*pareve* dish may have become the gender of the dishwasher, but consult a *rabbi* for leniencies.

SITUATION	You have a meat or *milk* dishwasher and you washed a neutral/*pareve* utensil in it.
WHAT TO DO	If the dishwasher has dirty dishes containing *milk* or meat food, the neutral/*pareve* utensil will become that gender. However, if the dishwasher does not have any dirty dishes with food of either gender on them and the dishwasher has not been used for at least 24 hours, the *pareve* dish will remain *pareve*.
NOTE	This is a *b'di'avad* (after the fact) case. You may not intentionally (*l'chatchila*) wash the *pareve* utensil in a gendered dishwasher.

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