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.

SITUATIONYou have a meat or *milk* dishwasher and you washed a neutral/*pareve* utensil in it.WHAT TO DOIf 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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