

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>
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>

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 Tevila
China, Bone	<u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u>	Porcelain with <u>Brocha</u> Vegetable
China, Glazed	<u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u>	No Tevila
Colander, Metal	<u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u>	Porcelain w/o <u>Brocha</u> Enamel
Cookie Cutters, Metal	No <u>Tevila</u>	Plastic w/o <u>Brocha</u> Cooling
Cookie Sheets, Metal	<u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u>	No Tevila Oven
Cork Screw	No <u>Tevila</u>	No Tevila 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 Tevila
Crockpot Glass Lid	<u>Tevila</u> w/o <u>Brocha</u>	No Tevila 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 Tevila , Non- Glazed
Earthenware, Non-Glazed <i>Dull Finish, e.g. Flower Pot</i>	No <u>Tevila</u>	No Tevila 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>	Styrofoam
Glass <i>(including Pyrex, Duralux & Corelle)</i>	<u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u>	<u>Tevila</u> with <u>Brocha</u> Kettle, Corelle

Grater, Metal <i>used for foods that are ready to eat, eg, apples, onions</i>	<u>Tevila with Brocha</u>	Toaster w/o <u>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>	Not <u>Tevila</u> Metal
Hot Air Popcorn Maker, Metal	<u>Tevila with Brocha</u>	Waffle with <u>Brocha</u> Iron
Hot Water Urn, Metal	<u>Tevila with Brocha</u>	Not <u>Tevila</u> Tray
Knife, Arts & Crafts	No <u>Tevila</u>	Wood <u>Tevila</u>
Knife Sharpener	No <u>Tevila</u>	Wooden w/o <u>Brocha</u> Cask with Metal Straps
Meat Thermometer	No <u>Tevila</u>	