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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.

Toveling: Utensils: How To Tovel

To <u>tovel</u> a utensil, you may go to any <u>kosher</u> natural <u>mikva</u> (see section on natural mikvas) or to a mikvat keilim (a small <u>mikva</u> for utensils, often attached to the outside of a regular <u>mikva</u> building). To <u>tovel</u> 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 <u>toyel</u> a utensil, the entire item must be in contact with the water at the same time, even if only for an instant.

Toveling: 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 Corellethat come in contact with food. Items that require *toveling* 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>Utensil</u>	<u>Tevila</u>
	Guideline		Guideline
Aluminum Pans, Disposable	Tevila with	Meat Tenderizer Hammer,	No <i>Tevila</i>
if intended to be used more than once	Brocha	Metal	
Aluminum Pans, Disposable	<i>Tevila</i> w/o	Melamine	No Tevila
to be used only once	Brocha		
Blech	No <i>Tevila</i>	Metal Cutlery	Tevila with
			Brocha
Blender with metal blade on bottom	Tevila with	Metal Flour and Sugar	<i>Tevila</i> w/o
	Brocha	Storage Canisters	Brocha

Bone	No <u>Tevila</u>	Metal a w/o <i>Brocha</i> Pots
		Coated
		with
		Teflon,
		Enamel
		or
		Plastic
Brush, Pastry	No <i>Tevila</i>	Metala w/o Brocha
		Spoon
		Specifically
		for
		Medicine
Brush for Grill, Metal	No <u>Tevila</u>	Mevilaww/e Brocha Turntable,
		Glass
Can Opener	No <u>Tevila</u>	Miexèla w/o Brocha Beaters
Cans, Reusable Empty	No Tevila	PapeFevila
if opened by a Yehudi		
China, Bone	Tevila w/o	Placida, with Brocha
	Brocha	Vegetable
China, Glazed	Tevila w/o	PNastTevila
	Brocha	
Colander, Metal	Tevila with	Picarcieltain/o Brocha
	Brocha	Enamel
Cookie Cutters, Metal	No <u>Tevila</u>	Rackka w/o Brocha Cooling
Cookie Sheets, Metal	Tevila with	Rholfsevila
,	Brocha	Oven
Cork Screw	No Tevila	Rodingila
		Pins
		Metal
		or
		Wood
Corningware	Tevila w/o	Standkaiwhith Brocha
	Brocha	Maker
Crockpot Ceramic Insert	Tevila w/o	Sillioc Teneila
Crockpot Ceraime Insert	Brocha	
Crockpot Glass Lid	Tevila w/o	Sino kTevila
Crockpot Glass Eta	Brocha	Racks,
		Stainless
		Steel
Crockpot Outside Metal Shell	No Tevila	Spatilla with Brocha
Crockpot Outside Metal Shen	110 16/114	Metal
Dish Rack, Metal	No Tevila	Stonidavarko Brocha
Dishes, Ceramic	Tevila w/o	Stion Exwite,
Zimos, comme	Brocha	Non-
	Diociu	Glazed
		GIAZOG

Earthenware, Non-Glazed Dull Finish, e.g. Flower Pot	No <u>Tevila</u>	Storagoila Utensils, Glass not brought
		to
		the table
George Foreman Grill	Tevila w/o	SNyrTkoaita
George i oreman orm	Brocha	Caya Ground
Glass	Tevila with	Tewila with Brocha
(including Pyrex, Duralex & Corelle)	Brocha	Kettle,
		Corelle
Grater, Metal	Tevila with	Toasterw/o Brocha
used for foods that are ready to eat, eg,	Brocha	which
apples, onions		will
		not
		break
Grater, Metal	<i>Tevila</i> w/o	Toasilerwith Brocha
used only for foods that need further	Brocha	Oven
cooking,eg potatos		rack &
		tray
		only
Hamburger Maker	Tevila with	Tr iv F evila
	Brocha	Metal
Hot Air Popcorn Maker, Metal	Tevila with	Weafile with <i>Brocha</i>
	Brocha	Iron
Hot Water Urn, Metal	Tevila with	Worthiniga
	Brocha	Tray
Knife, Arts & Crafts	No <i>Tevila</i>	Woodevila
Knife Sharpener	No <u>Tevila</u>	Wwodenwo Brocha
		Cask
		with
		Metal Straps
Meat Thermometer	No Tevila	Биаръ
Mout Helinometer	110 Ievila	