

# KASHRUT: DAIRY/MEAT: SPILLS AND OPPOSITE GENDER UTENSIL

## Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Hot Spills and Opposite Gender Utensil: Unused

### SITUATION

- Hot food of one gender spills (falls into or onto) an empty utensil of the opposite gender.
- The utensil was unused at 120° F (49° C) or more for at least 24 hours.

### STATUS

- The utensil is usually non-kosher.
- The food is kosher.

### NOTE

If the spill is spicy/charif or if the utensil had been used hot within the 24 hours before the spill, consult a rabbi.

## Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Spills: Food onto Opposite Gender Utensil: Flow Chart

### WERE BOTH FOOD AND UTENSIL LESS THAN 120° F?

YES

**WHAT TO DO** Wash off with cold water and soap.

**STATUS** Everything is kosher and may be used immediately.

NO

### WAS THE UTENSIL CLEAN AND UNUSED at 120° F or more FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS?

**NOTE** **Clean** means no residual food, including pareve; this IS essential since the food or utensil or both were hot! If used at 120° F or more for pareve within 24 hours, ask a rabbi.

YES

### STATUS

- Food is kosher
- Utensil requires kashering.

### WHAT TO DO

- Wash utensil with cold water and soap.
- Wait 24 hours after the spill occurred before kashering it.

**NOTE** If you wash off the utensil with hot (above 120° F) water, you must wait 24 hours after cleaning the utensil before kashering it.

NO

**IS THE SPILLED FOOD LESS THAN 1/60th of the volume of the commonly used capacity of the utensil (if the utensil is empty) OR less than 1/60th of the actual volume of food contained within the utensil?**

YES

### STATUS

- Food is kosher.
- Utensil is kosher after 24 hours.

**WHAT TO DO** Wash utensil with cold water and soap and wait 24 hours before using the utensil.

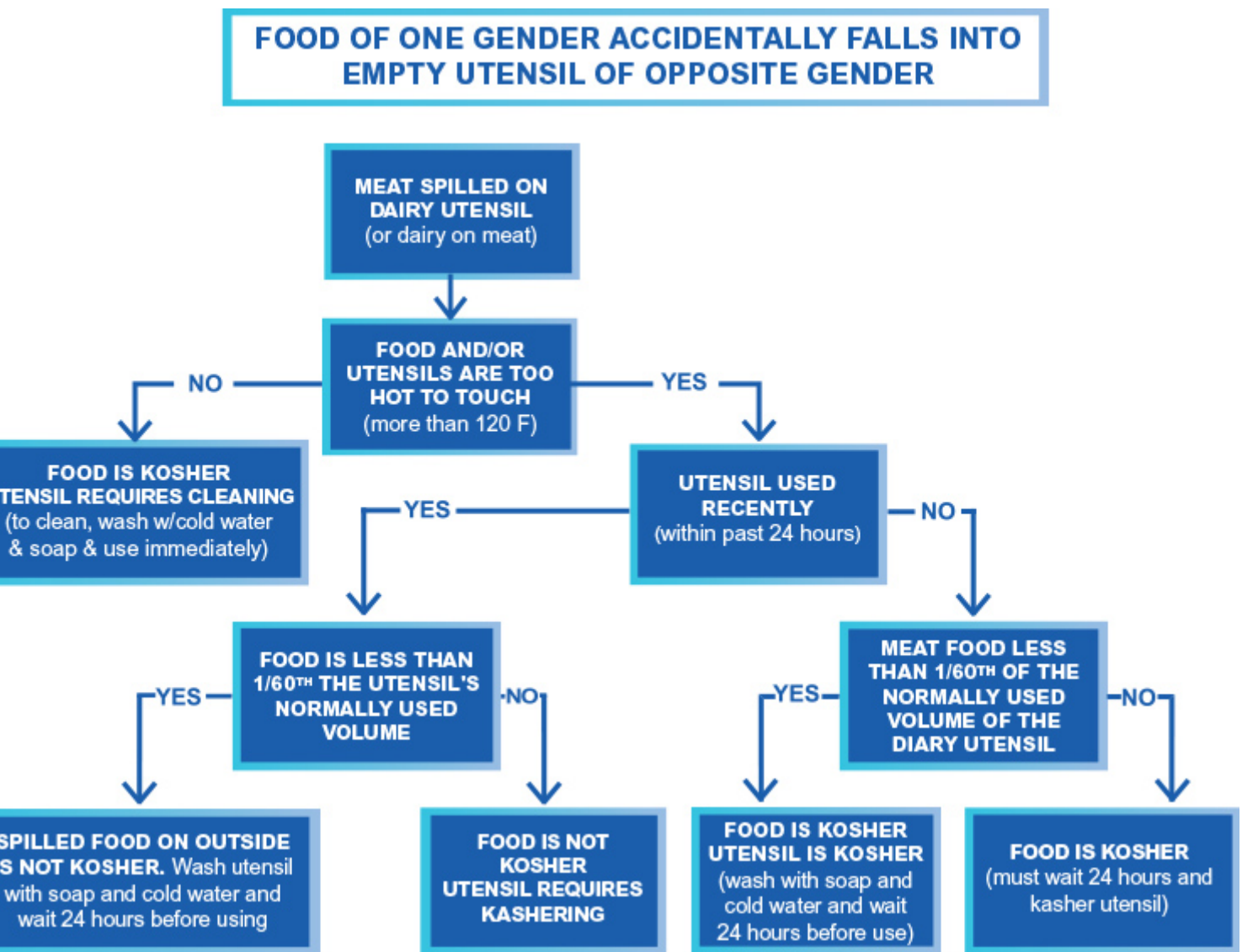
**NOTE** If utensil had food in it and the spilled food was less than 1/60th of the volume of the food in the utensil, you may use the utensil immediately after cleaning it and you do not need to wait 24 hours.

**NO** (Spilled food was 120° F or more, OR the utensil not clean, OR the utensil was used within 24 hours, and spilled food is more than 1/60th of the utensil's volume)

**STATUS**

- Food is non-kosher.
- Utensil is non-kosher.

**WHAT TO DO** Utensil must be kashered. See [Hag'ala/Boiling](#) or [Libun/Direct Heat](#) for instructions on how to kasher each material.



Utensil Chart