

PASSOVER: BURNING CHAMETZ

Passover: Burning Chametz: What To Do with Chametz

If you own any chametz, you must burn some of it in order to fulfill the commandment of burning chametz: this is a mitzva from the Torah!

NOTE If you have too much chametz to conveniently burn, you may throw some of the chametz into the garbage (but not into your own garbage can, only a public one--where permitted).

You must throw the chametz into the garbage **before** you burn the remainder. You may, alternatively, throw the chametz into a public area or pond (if permitted by the owner or by law).

Passover: Burning Chametz: Wife Covered by Husband

At the burning of the chametz before *Passover*, a wife is covered by her husband's saying kol chamira and burning chametz, unless she has chametz of her own.

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It is preferable for a husband to say kol chamira. However, he is covered by his wife's saying kol chamira, as long as he has asked his wife to do so.

NOTE If the wife burns the chametz, she should inform her husband at the time she actually burns the chametz (she may inform him by phone and does not have to do so in person).