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.

Passover: Burning Chametz: Husband Covered by Wife

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).

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