# SHABBAT: BOTTLES

## Opening Plastic Bottles on Shabbat

You may completely open plastic bottle caps on plastic bottles on *Shabbat* (even if doing so will leave a plastic ring on the bottle), as long as it is theoretically possible to dispense the liquid without completely separating the cap from the bottle.

REASON Since liquid can be poured with the cap still attached, the sealed bottle does not become a "new utensil"—a *Shabbat* violation.

However, if you will destroy letters that are printed on the cap, you may not open the bottle.

## Opening Metal Bottle Caps on Shabbat

You may not open metal bottle caps on *Shabbat* if doing so will leave behind a metal ring. You may break the ring or open the bottle (and close it again, if desired) before *Shabbat*.

NOTE If you need the contents for *Shabbat* (such as if it is a bottle of wine), you may ask a non-Jew to open it for you. But if the wine is not cooked/*mevushal*, the wine will become non-*kosher* once opened and handled by a non-Jew.

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