

The Following Information has been reviewed and approved by Rabbi Gelman

	Tevila(immersion) with a bracha (blessing)	Tevila (immersion) without a Bracha (blessing)	Does not require Tevila (immersion)
Materials	Glass (includes Duralex Enamel, Pyrex, Corelle) Metal (includes steel, aluminum, silver, lead, iron, tin, copper, brass, gold etc.)		Wood Stone Chine (Includes Bone China, Glazed China, Earthenware) Paper Plastic Asbestos
Types of Utensils	Utensils which come in direct contact with food during preparation or eating		Utensils which are only used to hold other utensils
Examples (examples are only valid when the above conditions are valid i.e type of material, manufactured or purchased from a non-Jew etc)	Silverware Glasses Dishes Pots and pans Canteen Goblets Crystal	Storage containers Bread Box Grinders Blades of a Mixer Nut Cracker Strainer Grater	Disposable Pans Can Openers Electronic Utensils

The Torah, (Bamidbar 31:23) when describing the war against the midianites, commands that vessels, captured as booty not be used until they are both koshered and purified. The Talmud (Avodah Zarah 75b) explains that in order to be "purified" they must be immersed in a kosher mikvah.

In accordance with this commandment, many utensils, manufactured by or purchased from a non-Jew require immersion in a mikvah prior to use. Contrary to popular belief utensils requiring immersion must be immersed before even their first use. Prior to immersion all tangible chatzitzos (barriers to the water) such as labels, glue etc must be removed. Discolorations such as intangible rust spots, are not considered chatzitzas. (barriers to the water)

Prior to immersing vessels which require a bracha (see above) one recites the bracha "baruch atah adonay elohanu melech haolam asher kidishanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al tevilat kalim" Even when only one vessel is immersed the custom is to recite "al tevilat kalim." **PLEASE NOTE:** many utensils are made of several different types of materials, some of which require tevila (immersion) and some that do not. One should consult a halachic authority to ascertain the requirement for Tevila