

KASHRUT: DAIRY/MEAT: STOVETOP SPATTERS

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A spatter is single drops of a substance.

NOTE In this website, a small spatter is a single drop and a large spatter is several or more drops.

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You may assume that a spatter of single drops is less than 120° F (49° C) when it contacts a cold utensil or other food.

KASHRUT: DAIRY/MEAT: POT SPATTERS ONTO UTENSIL OR EMPTY POT

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Pot Spatters: Outside of Utensil, Below Normal Food Line

SITUATION A hot or cold meat utensil is empty or contains meat food. It receives a spatter of dairy below the normal food line and the spatter is less 1/60th of the volume of the pot.

STATUS

- The food in the utensil (if any) is kosher in all cases.
- Pot is kosher after 24 hours without kashering.

WHAT TO DO You must wash the pot off with cold water and soap.

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Tiny Pot Spatters: Outside of Utensil, Above Normal Food Line

SITUATION

- The outside of a hot, empty pot of one gender gets a spatter of opposite-gender food ABOVE the normal food line.
- The spatter is less than 1/3600 of the normally used volume of the pot (instead of the normal criterion of 1/60th of the volume--this being 1/60th of 1/60th).

STATUS The pot is kosher after 24 hours without kashering.

WHAT TO DO You must wash the pot off with cold water and soap.

NOTE This applies even if the pot had been used at 120° F (49° C) or more within 24 hours.

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Larger Pot Spatters above Normal Food Line

SITUATION

- A hot, empty pot of one gender gets a spatter of opposite-gender food ABOVE the normal food line.
- The spatter is more than 1/3600 of the normally used volume of the pot.

STATUS The pot is non-kosher.

WHAT TO DO You must kasher the pot by washing in cold water and soap, waiting 24 hours, and then boiling the pot.

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Pot Spatters and Pareve

SITUATION

- Food of one gender spatters onto the outside of a pareve utensil.
- Either the food and/or the utensil are hot.

NOTE

If the pot is not hot, a small spatter will not be hot. If the spatter is large (more than one drop), the spatter may be hot. Ask a rabbi what to do.

STATUS

The utensil assumes the spatter's gender UNLESS the spatter was less than 1/60th of the volume of the metal in the pareve utensil (not 1/60th of the volume the container usually holds). Consult a rabbi.

KASHRUT: DAIRY/MEAT: SPATTERS INTO A POT OF FOOD

Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Hot Dairy Food Spatters INTO Meat Pot, or Vice Versa

SITUATION

- Hot dairy food spatters INTO a pot of meat food, or vice versa.
- Spatter is less than 1/60th of the volume of the food into which it spattered.

STATUS

The spattered food is nullified (batel ba'shishim).

WHAT TO DO

As there is nothing to wash off, the food may be eaten, but you should remove the spattered food, if possible. The pot is kosher.