

## **How to Kasher an Airbnb**

Many people are surprised to learn that kashering an Airbnb for a short stay is actually very simple. You don't need to stress or spend hours cleaning and boiling everything. Here's what matters—and what doesn't.

### **What Needs to Be Kashered?**

Only **metal items** that are **used directly on a flame or in an oven** need kashering. That includes:

- Pots and pans
- Oven trays
- BBQ grills
- Metal ladles or large metal serving spoons if used for stirring hot food

**That's it.**

### **What Does *Not* Need Kashering?**

You can **use all of the following without kashering:**

- Dishes, silverware (even metal forks, spoons, and knives, since not normally used for cooking)
- Glass, plastic, Corelle, or Pyrex
- Oven itself
- Stove top grates
- Refrigerator, freezer, counters, microwave, dishwasher

- Toaster, blender, and stand mixers
- Cups, glasses, mugs
- Tables and cutting boards

Just wipe them clean. In most Airbnbs, these items are already clean because they're rented out to guests.

### **How to Kasher What Needs Kashering**

#### **For Pots and Pans:**

1. Make sure they're clean.
2. Put them empty on a lit burner.
3. Wait until it gets so hot that water drops sizzle when you sprinkle them on.
4. That's it. It's kashered.

#### **For Metal Utensils (Ladles & Cooking Utensils) (Hagalah):**

1. Fill a large pot with water and bring it to a boil.
2. Submerge each utensil fully. If too large, dip half and then the other half.
3. Immediately rinse with cold water.

#### **For a BBQ Grill:**

1. Scrub it clean.
2. Turn it on high for about 3 minutes until it's very hot.
3. Done.

**No need to wait 24 hours** as long as you use Libun (direct fire).

**For an oven tray or pan:**

Put them all in the oven at the same time; empty and on high for twenty minutes.

**Final Thoughts**

This entire process usually takes **10 to 20 minutes**—and you're ready to go for the weekend. Don't obsess over kashering things that don't require it. Jewish law is practical and reasonable.

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