



Pesach Guide 2026



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ALCOHOL (ISOPROPYL)	No Passover Certification Required	BALLOONS (WITHOUT POWDER)	No Passover Certification Required
ALCOHOL (FOR DRINKING)	Requires Passover Certification	BAND-AIDS	No Passover Certification Required
ALFALFA	Kitniyos	BEANS	Kitniyos
ALMOND FLOUR	Requires Passover Certification	BEAN SPROUTS	Kitniyos
ALMOND MILK	Requires Passover Certification	BENEFIBER	Chometz
ALUMINUM PANS & FOIL	No Passover Certification Required	BIRD FOOD	See online guide – Pet Foods
AMARANTH	Amaranth is not kitniyos but requires certification to be sure no other grains are mixed in	BLEACH	No Passover Certification Required
AMMONIA	No Passover Certification Required	BREWER'S YEAST	Chometz
ANISE	Requires Passover Certification	BROWN SUGAR	Requires Passover Certification
ANTACID (CHEWABLE)	Requires Passover Certification	BUCKWHEAT	Kitniyos
APPLE JUICE	Requires Passover Certification	BUTTER	Requires Passover Certification
APPLE SAUCE	Requires Passover Certification	CANDLES	No Passover Certification Required
BABY BOTTLE	Since it comes into contact with chometz (e.g. washed with dishes, boiled in chometz pot) new ones should be purchased.	CANDY	Requires Passover Certification
BABY FOOD	Requires Passover Certification	CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	Requires Passover Certification
BABY FORMULA	Baby formulas are produced in chometz-free facilities and are acceptable when bearing the OU. They are kitniyos and should be prepared with designated utensils. Those with a * are acceptable in liquid & powder form. The following brands are acceptable: 365 Everyday Value, Berkley & Jensen, CVS, Earth's Best, Enfamil*, Enfacare*, Enfagrow*, Enfaport*, Giant Eagle Baby, Gerber Good Start, Isomil*, Kirkland Signature, Nestle Good Start, Similac*, Target Up&Up, Walgreens	CANOLA OIL	Kitniyos
BABY OIL	No Passover Certification Required	CARAWAY	Kitniyos
BABY OINTMENT	No Passover Certification Required	CARROTS (FROZEN / CANNED)	Requires Passover Certification
BABY POWDER	No Passover Certification Required if only contains talc, talcum powder, corn starch, or other similar ingredients. Some baby powders may contain oat flour.	CAT FOOD	See online guide – Pet Foods
BABY WIPES (WITHOUT ALCOHOL)	No Passover Certification Required	CHARCOAL	No Passover Certification Required - Includes plain, easy-light, apple, hickory, and mesquite
BAGS (PLASTIC)	No Passover Certification Required	CHEESE	Requires Passover Certification
BAKING POWDER	Requires Passover Certification	CHICKEN	See poultry
BAKING SODA (PURE BICARBONATE)	No Passover Certification Required	CHICKPEAS	Kitniyos
		CLEANSERS AND POLISHES	No Passover Certification Required: ammonia, bowl and tub cleaner, drain/pipe opener, glass cleaner, Clorox, Mr. Clean, Murphy Oil, oven cleaner, sanitizers.
		COCOA POWDER 100% PURE, PRODUCED IN NORTH AMERICA	Any domestically produced 100% pure cocoa, with no additives, may be used. However, if label states that it is processed in a plant that processes kitniyos or chometz, then it requires a reliable KFP. Hershey's Regular Cocoa is acceptable
		COCONUT (SHREDDED)	Sweetened or flavored - Requires Passover certification. Unsweetened & unflavored - No Passover certification required
		COCONUT MILK	Requires Passover Certification
		COCONUT OIL	Requires Passover Certification
		COFFEE (INSTANT)	Without special certification for Passover: Folgers – Regular; Via Regular; Tasters Choice Regular – NOT decaf. ALL other instant coffees must bear Passover certification.



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COFFEE (WHOLE BEANS AND FRESH GROUND)	Beans: Unflavored plain ground or whole bean coffees do not need special certification for Passover; This does not include decaf. Decaf requires Passover certification.	EGGS (IN THE SHELL)	No Passover Certification Required. (including pasteurized) Should be purchased before Pesach
COFFEE K-CUPS (UNFLAVORED, NOT DECAF)	Acceptable when bearing the OU Dunkin Donuts, Folgers, Great Value, Green Mountain, Kirkland Signature, Market Basket, Starbucks.	EGGS (COOKED OR LIQUID)	Requires Passover Certification
COFFEE FILTERS	No Passover Certification Required	EYE DROPS	No Passover Certification Required
COFFEE WHITENER/ NON-DAIRY CREAMER	Requires Passover Certification	FABRIC SOFTENER	No Passover Certification Required
CONFECTIONARY SUGAR	Requires Passover Certification	FENNEL	Seeds - kitniyos; Leaves or fresh - No Passover Certification Required
CONTACT LENS SOLUTION	No Passover Certification Required	FISH (FRESH)	with no added ingredients No Passover Certification Required
CONTACT PAPER	No Passover Certification Required	FISH (PACKAGED)	Requires Passover Certification; Costco (Kirkland-Signature) Frozen farm raised Salmon, with OU, no "P" required.
COOKING OIL SPRAY	Requires Passover Certification	FISH FOOD	See online guide – Pet Foods
COOKING WINE	Requires Passover Certification	FLAX SEEDS	Some consider Kitniyos
CORN AND CORN PRODUCTS (E.G. CORN OIL, CORN SYRUP)	Kitniyos	FOOD COLORING	Requires Passover Certification
COSMETICS	See online guide – Personal Care	FOOT POWDER	No Passover Certification Required
CROCKPOT LINER	No Passover Certification Required	FROZEN DINNERS	Requires Passover Certification
CUPCAKE HOLDERS	Foil cupcake holders - No Passover Certification required. Paper cupcake holders require Passover certification.	FRUIT (CANNED, COOKED, DRIED OR SWEETENED)	Requires Passover Certification
CUMIN	Some consider Kitniyos	FRUIT (FROZEN)	unsweetened without additives (i.e. syrup, citric acid, ascorbic acid vitamin C) No Passover Certification Required
DATES	Requires Passover Certification	FRUIT PRESERVES	Requires Passover Certification
DENTAL FLOSS UNFLAVORED (WAXED OR UNWAXED)	No Passover Certification Required	FURNITURE POLISH	No Passover Certification Required
DESSERT GELS & PUDDINGS	Requires Passover Certification	GARLIC FRESH	No Passover Certification Required
DETERGENT (LIQUID, POWDER, LAUNDRY)	No Passover Certification Required	GARLIC PEELED	Requires Passover Certification
DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS	See online guide - Medications	GLOVES - DISPOSABLE (WITHOUT POWDER)	No Passover Certification Required
DILL	Seeds - Kitniyos; Leaves - No Passover Certification Required	GLUE	All Krazy glue, Elmer's and Ross glues are made of synthetic ingredients and may be used on Pesach
DISHWASHING SOAP	Any OU certified cleanser is acceptable		Requires Passover Certification. There are differences of opinion as to what temperature is considered "mevushal." If the bottles states "mevushal," it satisfies the requirement of mevushal according to the certification listed on the bottle. Kedem Grape Juice produces a 1.5 liter glass bottle which states non-mevushal, this size bottle is not mevushal according to all opinions
DISPOSABLES	paper, plastic, styrofoam: plates, cutlery, cups, napkins, paper towels No Passover Certification Required	GRAPE JUICE	
DISPOSABLE GLOVES	Those containing corn starch powdered coating should not be used to prepare food.	GRAPEFRUIT JUICE	Requires Passover Certification
DOG FOOD	See online guide – Pet Foods	GRAPESEED OIL	Requires Passover Certification
DRIED FRUIT	Requires Passover Certification		
EDAMAME	Kitniyos		



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GREEN BEANS	Kitniyos
GUM	Requires Passover Certification
HAIR GEL	See online guide - Cosmetics
HAIR SPRAY	See online guide - Cosmetics
HAND SANITIZER	All Acceptable
HEMP, HEMP OIL	Kitniyos
HERBAL TEA	Requires Passover Certification
HONEY	Requires Passover Certification
HORSERADISH (RAW)	No Passover Certification Required
HORSERADISH (PREPARED)	Requires Passover Certification
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE	No Passover Certification Required
ICE (BAGGED)	No Passover Certification Required
ICE CREAM, SHERBERT, ETC.	Requires Passover Certification
INFANT FORMULA	See Baby Formula
INK	No Passover Certification Required
INSECTICIDE (SPRAYS)	No Passover Certification Required
INSECTICIDE (TRAPS)	Some baits contain Chometz
JAM, JELLY, PRESERVES	Requires Passover Certification
JUICE (FRUIT)	Requires Passover Certification (see orange juice)
KASHA	Kitniyos
KETCHUP	Requires Passover Certification
KITNIYOS	Those of Ashkenazic descent have the custom not to eat products on Pesach that contain kitniyos. The OU and Star-K have started to certify kitniyos products for Pesach on an expanded basis. These will clearly state 'OU-Kitniot' or 'Star-S P'
LACTAID (CAPLETS, DROPS, TABLETS)	May contain chometz: Chewable pills- Not acceptable for Passover. Non-Chewable, consult your Rabbi
LACTAID MILK	If needed, purchase before Passover
LATEX GLOVES	Powder free-No Passover Certification Required; With powder - Requires Passover Certification
LAUNDRY DETERGENT	No Passover Certification Required
LAXATIVES	See online guide - Medications
LEMON JUICE/LIME JUICE	Requires Passover Certification. RealLemon Brand with OU is acceptable, no OU-P required
LENTILS	Kitniyos

LIP PRODUCTS	See online guide – Personal Care
LIQUEUR	Requires Passover Certification
LIQUID MEDICINES	See online guide - Medications
LIQUOR	Requires Passover Certification
LISTERINE POCKETPAKS	Not acceptable for Passover
MARGARINE	Requires Passover Certification
MATZAH	Requires Passover Certification
MATZAH A'SHIRA	The following products are produced with fruit juice and are matzah a'shira- Manischewitz Egg Matzah, Egg Matzah Tam Tam Crackers, Egg Matzah Crackers. They should only be eaten by those individuals who are permitted to eat egg matzah.
MATZAH MEAL/ MATZAH CAKE MEAL	Requires Passover Certification - Storing these products from year to year presents an insect infestation problem. Heat and humidity cause microscopic eggs to hatch and grow. Unless stored properly, it is preferable to use product from the 2026 production season.
MAYONNAISE	Requires Passover Certification
MEAT	Fresh or frozen raw meat in original packaging is acceptable. Ground, cooked or repacked meat requires Pesach certification.
MEDICINE	See online guide - Medications
MILK	Preferable with Passover Certification. If certified milk is unavailable, purchase before Passover.
MILK SUBSTITUTES FOR SICK & INFIRM	Almond Breeze Original Unsweetened - shelf stable non-refrigerated variety ONLY Califa Farms Go Coconuts Coconut Milk
MILLET	Kitniyos
MINERAL OIL	No Passover Certification Required
MINERAL WATER	Plain water acceptable if it doesn't contain vitamins and additives
MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE	Requires Passover Certification
MOUTHWASH	These do not have any chometz issues: Listerine- Cool Mint (Antiseptic, Zero Alcohol), Fresh Burst, Sensitivity (Alcohol-Free)
MSG	Requires Passover Certification
MUSHROOMS (CANNED)	Requires Passover Certification
MUSHROOMS (FRESH)	No Passover Certification Required
MUSTARD	Kitniyos



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NAPKINS	No Passover Certification Required
NON-DAIRY CREAMER	Requires Passover Certification
NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS (E.G. ENSURE)	See online guide - Medications
NUTS	Raw, whole or chopped nuts are generally acceptable if they are without preservatives or additives (e.g. BHT, BHA). Note: if the allergen statement lists kitniyos or chometz being processed in the same facility, it would require Pesach certification.
NUTS, PECANS	Pecan pieces, midget pecans require Passover certification
OLIVE OIL	The following brands of Extra virgin (unrefined- cold pressed) do not require a 'P' All other olive oil varieties including pure olive oil and extra light, requires Passover certification. Bertolli, 365 Whole Foods, Kirkland, Members Mark, Pompeian, Trader Joe's
OLIVES	Canned & jarred requires Passover Certification
OIL	Requires Passover Certification
ORANGE JUICE (FRESH)	Requires Passover Certification
ORANGE JUICE (PURE FROZEN)	concentrated, [Grade A 100% pure without additives or enrichments (e.g. calcium)] No Passover Certification Required
ORTHODONTICS	No Passover Certification Required. Rubber bands are coated with corn starch, they should be rinsed with cold water before placing in mouth.
OVEN CLEANER	No Passover Certification Required
PANS (ALUMINUM)	No Passover Certification Required
PAPER BAGS	No Passover Certification Required
PAPER TOWELS	See Disposables
PARAFFIN	No Passover Certification Required
PARCHMENT PAPER	Requires Passover Certification. Kirkland Signature bearing the Star-K does not require Passover Certification
PEANUTS	Kitniyos
PEAS	Kitniyos
PEDIATRIC SUPPLEMENTS	See online guide - Medications
PERFUME	See online guide - Cosmetics
PET FOOD	See online guide – Pet Foods
PETROLEUM JELLY	No Passover Certification Required
PICKLES	Requires Passover Certification

PINEAPPLE (CANNED)	Requires Passover Certification
PLASTIC (CUTLERY, PLATES)	No Passover Certification Required
PLASTIC WRAP	No Passover Certification Required
PLAY DOUGH	May Contain Chometz
POLISHES	Furniture polish, jewelry polish, silver, copper, metal polish, shoe polish No Passover Certification Required
POPCORN	Kitniyos
POPPY SEEDS	Kitniyos
POTATO CHIPS	Requires Passover Certification
POULTRY	Fresh or frozen raw poultry in original packaging is acceptable. Ground, cooked or repacked requires Passover certification.
POULTRY (GROUND)	The following brands of ground are acceptable without 'P' designation: Empire (Excluding 10lb tube), KJ (except sleeves), Kosher Valley, Kedas
POWDERED DISH DETERGENT	No Passover Certification Required
PRUNES	Requires Passover Certification
PUMPKIN SEEDS	Not kitniyos; acceptable if raw and without additives
QUINOA	There are differing opinions as to the kitniyos status of quinoa. For those people who use quinoa grain on Pesach, a Passover Certification is required. Reason: It has been found that farmers grow barley in the vicinity of quinoa, and sometimes cover the quinoa with barley to keep the birds from eating the quinoa.
RAISINS	Requires Passover Certification. The following with just an OU are acceptable, no 'P' required. (Not oil treated only) Great Value, Market Basket, Trader Joe's.
RICE	Kitniyos
RICE MILK	Requires Certification (for those that use kitniyos on Pesach)
SAFFLOWER OIL	There are differing opinions as to the kitniyos status of safflower oil. Ask your rabbi for direction.
SAFFRON	Requires Passover Certification - Some have a custom not to use saffron on Pesach.
SALADS	Bagged - Requires Passover Certification
SALMON	See fish
SALT (IODIZED)	Requires Passover Certification



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SALT (NON IODIZED/SEA SALT, AND DOES NOT CONTAIN DEXTROSE OR POLYSORBATE)	No Passover Certification Required	TOMATO PASTE, TOMATO SAUCE, ETC.	Requires Passover Certification
SCOURING PADS	No Passover Certification Required	TOOTH PASTE	These do not have any chometz issues: Aim (All), CloseUp (All), Colgate (All), Pepsodent (All), Crest Cavity Protection Gel & Paste, Kid's Crest (All), Crest 3D White (Refreshing Mint)
SELTZER	(water and CO2 only, unflavored) No Passover Certification Required	TOOTH PICKS	Without Color - No Passover Certification Required
SESAME SEEDS	Kitniyos	TUMS	Chewable antacids require Pesach certification, and the Tums brand is not certified for Pesach
SHAMPOO	See online guide – Cosmetics	TUNA FISH (CANNED)	Requires Passover Certification
SHERBET	Requires Passover Certification	TURMERIC	Turmeric is not kitniyos, See spices
SHORTENING	Requires Passover Certification	VANILLA SUGAR	Requires Passover Certification
SILVER POLISH	No Passover Certification Required	VEGETABLE OIL	Requires Passover Certification
SNOW PEAS	Kitniyos	VEGETABLES	Frozen, canned, cooked or bagged salads Requires Passover Certification
SODA	Requires Passover Certification	VEGETABLE WASH	Requires Passover Certification
SORBET	Requires Passover Certification	VINEGAR	Requires Passover Certification
SORGHUM	Kitniyos	VITAMINS	Requires Passover Certification
SOUP MIX	Requires Passover Certification	WATER	unflavored with no additives - No Passover Certification Required
SOY MILK	Requires Certification (for those that use kitniyos on Pesach)	WAX FOR BRACES	No Passover Certification Required
SOY PRODUCTS	Kitniyos - soy sauce may contain chometz	WAX PAPER	No Passover Certification Required
SPICES	Requires Passover Certification, caraway seeds, cumin, dill seeds, fennel seeds, and mustard are kitniyos; other spices are acceptable in whole form but ground spices require certification.	WILD RICE	Kitniyos
STAIN REMOVER	No Passover Certification Required	WINE	Requires Passover Certification See grape juice
STRING BEANS	Kitniyos	WOOD CHIPS	No Passover Certification Required
STYROFOAM	No Passover Certification Required	WRAP (PLASTIC)	No Passover Certification Required
SUGAR (PURE, WHITE CANE)	sugar without additives (e.g. dextrose), white granulated No Passover Certification Required	YOGURT	Requires Passover Certification
SUGAR SUBSTITUTE, ARTIFICIAL SWEETNERS	Requires Passover Certification		
SUN DRIED TOMATOES	Requires Passover Certification		
SUNFLOWER SEEDS	Kitniyos		
SYRUPS	Requires Passover Certification		
TEA (INSTANT, DECAF, FLAVORED, AND HERBAL)	Requires Passover Certification		
TEA (PURE BLACK, GREEN, AND WHITE LEAVES OR TEA BAGS)	No Passover Certification Required		
TOFU	Kitniyos		

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Acceptable Stores for After Pesach

The following stores are acceptable for **purchasing chometz immediately after Pesach**:

Aldi	Dave's Market **	Marc's *	Trader Joe's
BJ's	Dollar Tree	Sam's Club	Walgreens
Costco	GFS	Save A Lot	Walmart *
CVS	Heinen's *	Target	Whole Foods

* The kosher aisle in these stores is stocked through a Jewish owned distributor who participates in a Mechiras Chometz of the business. Please consult your Rabbi for further information.

** This store, which is Jewish owned, participates in a Mechiras Chometz of the business. Please consult your Rabbi for further information.

All local certified Shomer Shabbos establishments are acceptable for the purchase of chometz immediately after Pesach.

Purchasing Chometz After Pesach

The following list pertains to **purchasing chometz after Pesach from a Jewish-owned establishment that did not perform a proper sale of their chometz**:

✓ permitted

✗ not permitted

✓ Barley

✗ Beer

✗ Couscous

✓ Flour

✓ Ketchup

✗ Malt Extract

✓ Mayonnaise

✓ Modified Food Starch MFS (if source unspecified)

✓ Mustard

✗ Oatmeal

✗ Pasta

✓ Pickles

✗ Rolled Oats

✓ Salad Dressing

✓ Vinegar (if source unspecified)

✗ Wheat Bran

✗ Wheat Germ

✓ Yeast (baker's)

✗ Yeast (brewer's)



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