Hafrashas Challah Quick Guide

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***Three factors for requiring hafrashas challah*:**

OWNERSHIP

Who owns it?	What to do?
Non-Jew	No *challah*
Jew	*Challah* required
Jew and non-Jew	Ask a *shailah*

"Ownership" depends on who it belongs to when the flour and water are mixed together

BATCH SIZE

How much flour?	What to do?
Less than 2.5 pounds (8.25 cups)	No *challah*
More than 4.7 pounds (16 cups)	*Challah* with a *bracha*
2.5 – 4.7 pounds	*Challah* but no *bracha* (just say הרי זו חלה)

For oat flour: 3.5 pounds (with a *bracha*) and 1.8 pounds (no *bracha*)

WHICH FOODS

What are you making?	What to do?
Oatmeal (hot cereal), pasta	No *challah*
Bread, pastries, cookies, pizza	*Challah* after kneading
Doughnuts	*Challah* after kneading (no *bracha* unless some dough is baked)
Pancakes, cake (most) (i.e., pourable batter)	*Challah* after baking

Same halacha applies whether the dough is made with water, juice, eggs, or any other liquid

Bracha on Separating *Challah*

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו
וצוונו להפריש חלה
מן העיסה

Some omit the final two words (מן העיסה)

Challah which has been separated, should be double wrapped in foil and burned in the oven until it is inedible.

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