



Wudu

Faraidh (Obligatory) of Wudu

There are four Fardh in Wudu:

1. Washing the entire face
2. Washing both arms upto and including the elbows
3. Wiping over a quarter (1/4th) of the head
4. Washing both feet upto and including the ankles

Some important points to remember regarding the faraidh of wudu:

1. Washing will not be valid unless 2 or 3 drops of water fall from each limb which is being washed during wudu. If no drops of water fall from each limb, then the wudu will not be considered valid since the Fardh is not completed, for example if someone wets their hand and just wipes over it.
2. If the limb is covered by a bandage or medicine, then it is enough to let some water flow over it.
3. If the beard is dense, then it is enough to run water over it
4. However, if the skin is visible through the beard then it is necessary to wash it completely so that water reaches inside it.
5. Similarly, if the nails are long enough, water should reach inside them
6. If one is wearing a ring, then it needs to be moved a little so that water reaches under it



Sunnahs of Wudu

1. Making niyyah
2. Saying بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ
3. Washing both hands
4. Using the Miswak, or finger brushing if Miswak is not available
5. Gargling the mouth
6. Running water inside the nose and cleaning it well
7. Washing every limb three times
8. Starting from the right while washing
9. Washing each part consecutively
10. Washing each part in the prescribed order
11. Wiping between the fingers
12. Running wet fingers through the beard (*khilal*)
13. Wiping over the entire head (*Masah*)
14. Start from the front of the heard
15. Wiping over the neck
16. Wiping of both ears
17. Rubbing each limb well

Desirable (Mustahab) Actions and Etiquettes of Wudu

1. Sitting on a high place
2. Facing the *Qiblah*
3. Not asking help from anyone during wudu
4. Not discussing worldly matters
5. Reading *masnoon* du'as
6. Making wudu before the time of salah starts
7. Cleaning the nose with the left hand
8. Reading the Kalimah Shahadah after wudu

Disliked (Makrooh) Actions in Wudu

1. Using more water than necessary
2. Using less water than necessary
3. Splashing water onto the face with force
4. Talking
5. Taking help from someone without a valid reason



Types of Wudu

1. Fardh – Wudu will be fardh when one makes intention for fardh or nafl salah, namaz-e-janazah or sajdah tilawat, or touching the Qur'an even if is a fragment of one ayah.
2. Wajib – It is wajib to make wudu for the Tawaaf of the Ka'bah
3. Mustahab –
 - a. Making a fresh wudu for every salah
 - b. Making wudu to always remain in the state of wudu
 - c. Before reading or touching religious books
 - d. Before sleeping
 - e. On getting angry
 - f. At the time of adhan, iqamah or khutba
 - g. After sinning
 - h. After washing a deceased person or lifting a janazah
 - i. Before ghusl of janabat
 - j. For reciting the Qur'an without touching it

Things That Break Wudu

1. Discharging of urine, stool or the coming out of anything from the private parts
2. Flowing of blood or matter from any part of the body
3. Flowing of water from a wound
4. Vomiting a mouthful
5. Fall asleep such that the limbs become loose/limp
6. Falling unconscious, going insane or becoming intoxicated
7. Laughing out loud in salah

Things That Do Not Break Wudu

1. Coming out of blood without flowing
2. Vomiting less than a mouthful
3. Falling asleep while in the position of Ruku or Sajdah