

Water Conservation in Wudhu

Wudhu is a great act of worship. Rasulullah ﷺ is reported to have said that when a person performs wudhu in the proper manner, **all the (minor) sins that were committed are washed off.**

However, certain acts spoil this great Ibaadah and deprive one of the full benefits and virtues. Among these acts is the wasting of water.

The Sunnah Amount of Water

It has been estimated that on average most people use more than **six** litres of water to perform **one** wudhu. This is in stark contrast to the amount of water Rasulullah ﷺ used for his wudhu. Aisha ؓ reports that Rasulullah ﷺ used one mudd of water for wudhu and one saa' for ghusl.

One mudd amounts to approximately one litre whilst one saa' is approximately four litres. **In other words, we generally use more water for wudhu than Rasulullah ﷺ used for ghusl.** (Abu Dawood)

Israaf (Wastage)

On one occasion Rasulullah ﷺ asked a person performing wudhu: "Why are you wasting water?" The person enquired: "Is there israaf even in wudhu?" Rasulullah ﷺ replied, **"Yes certainly, (do not waste) even if you are at the bank of a river."** (Ibn Majah)

How to Save Water

- Make wudhu **using a jug** rather than the tap.
- If you are using the tap, **do not open it "full blast"**. Rather open it until the flow is just sufficient for you to make wudhu.
- **Close the tap** while using the miswaak, making masah, khilaal, etc. Only re-open it when the water is again needed.
- Avoid taking a shower. **Use a bucket instead.** If the shower is used, Open the water **at a low pressure** and finish off quickly.



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