

# TUM'A: NAIL CLIPPING

## TUM'A: NAIL CLIPPING: TIMING

### Fingernails and Toenails on Same Day

Don't cut fingernails and toenails on the same day.

**REASON** That is done for dead people.

**EXCEPTION** The only major exception is women before they go to the mikva.

## TUM'A: NAIL CLIPPING: ORDER

### Cutting Fingernails and Toenails in Special Order

You do not need to cut toenails or fingernails in a special order or out of order unless you have a custom to do so.

## TUM'A: NAIL CLIPPING: DISPOSAL

### Tum'a: Putting Nail Clippings Down Toilet or Drain

Nail clippings, even from children and non-Jews, have ru'ach ra'a and need to be disposed of. The simplest way is to flush them down a toilet or wash them down a drain (but don't put them into the garbage).

**NOTE** Hair may be disposed of by throwing it into a garbage can.

### Tum'a: Burning Nail Clippings

Burning nail clippings is OK (but it has kabbalistic complications and is bad for the person from whom the nails were clipped).

### Tum'a: Burying Nail Clippings

Burying nail clippings is OK but only if they will not become uncovered later. Clippings are particularly bad for pregnant women to step on or over.

### Tum'a: Nail Clipping: Washing Afterward

Wash your hands using the One-Time Method after cutting (or having someone cut) your nails (or hair).