

Question 23) - Can water become impure by something falling in it?

A: Allaah has created water as pure and purifying [Mutahhir]. However, it becomes impure if any impurity falls in it, be it a little or a lot. The Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam ordered that water be protected from impurities. He said, "None of you should urinate in standing water which does not flow and then wash in it." [al-Bukhari from Abu Hurayrah Radiallahu anhu in Kitabul Wudu]

He also said, "When one of you arises from his sleep, he should not put his hands in the vessel till he has washed it thrice. For verily he does not know where his hand spent the night."  
[Muslim from Abu Hurayrah]

Thus if impurity falls in the water, neither Wudu nor Ghusl may be performed with it.

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