

*Omamori*, the lucky charms available at shrines, are usually returned once they have served their purpose, or if they are more than a year old. This is usually done over the New Year and before receiving a new one. As *omamori* are considered sacred items, disposing of them in the trash is discouraged. Instead, shrines set up boxes such as this one for believers to return their *omamori*, household *ofuda* (amulets), and decorative arrows. Returned items are then burned in a sacred fire.

Please note that this box may only be used for returning used amulets and talismans, and is not for rubbish.