

Ebumi Shrine Main Hall

Originally constructed toward the end of the Heian period (794–1185), the Ebumi Shrine consists of three main shrines. The main shrine is dedicated to Uka no Mitama no Kami, the guardian deity of Ohara village. This is the deity associated with food and agriculture in classical Japanese mythology. The name means “the god of rice in storehouses.” The structure on the left is dedicated to Homusubi, the Shinto god of fire, while the building to the far right is dedicated to Fujin, the god of wind.

Ebumi Shrine is one of 30 shrines across the country that has a god associated with one of the 30 days of the traditional month. This practice was developed within Tendai Buddhism during the Heian period. Ebumi’s god represents the eighth day of each month.