

Care Suggestions for Chi Energy™ Bags

Displaying Your Chi Energy™ Bag

Many people tuck their Chi Energy™ Bag into a dresser drawer or bedside drawer. Folded flat, the best place could be your jewelry box.

Carrying the Chi Energy™ Bag with You

Of course the original idea of a medicine bag was to have a way to keep your personal amulets and talismans - symbols of personal and spiritual power - with you all the time.

Many of the Chi Energy™ Bags are small and soft enough to tuck into your pants pocket. You can also wear your bag as a pendant on your chest, or suspended from a belt. A briefcase or messenger bag might also be the perfect place.



A personal or home altar

A Chi Energy™ Bag is a perfect addition to a personal or home altar. Its small size and beautiful colors can complement just about any altar arrangement you have. And of course you can put into the bag whatever symbols you wish: slips of paper, small charms, objects from nature, and more.

If you'd like more information on how to create a home altar, you might find one of these books helpful:

- **Altars** : Bringing Sacred Shrines into Your Everyday Life by Denise Linn, ISBN: 0345434463
- **Sacred Space**: Creating Personal Altars for the Home by Josephine De Winter, ISBN: 0754810003
- **Creating Home Sanctuaries with Feng Shui**: Sacred Spaces, Altars, and Shrines, by Shawne Mitchell, Stephanie Gunning, ISBN: 1564145700

Sources for Display Cubes for Chi Energy™ Bags:

If you want to keep your Chi Energy™ Bag out in the open without any concern for dust, you might like to keep it in a clear protective container. When I have them available, I include a lightweight plastic container with your bag. More elegant acrylic cubes as well as glass cubes framed with wood, can be found at The Container Store and similar stores. You may also use a small glass dome.

Sizes of Chi Energy™ Bags – to help you select a suitable cube or dome:

The 4-fold and 5-fold bags spread out the most when free standing. They're about 3 to 4" high, 5" in diameter. You can vary the size by the way you fold them. The 4-fold bags fold flat into triangular or heart shaped pendants, as well.

The 6-fold through 12-fold bags are about 3" in diameter, 3 to 3.5" high.

There are two miniature Chi Energy bags that will fit even tinier display cubes: "Magic Talismans" (2.5" high, 1.5" diameter) and the even tinier "Moon Magic" (1.5" high, 1.5" diameter.)

Cleaning Your Chi Energy™ Bag

The Chi Energy™ Bags are protected with Scotchgard® when I make them. So they can repel most dirt and spills. Each bag is soft paper on the outside, but lined with cloth on the inside. Aluminum eyelets protect the holes from tearing as the cord slides through. So the Chi Energy™ Bags are strong and well protected from the start.

Using a miniature vacuum cleaner

I've had good success cleaning the Chi Energy™ Bags with a tiny vacuum cleaner powered with AA batteries. You may be able to find the Enervac mini-vac I bought years ago at Radio Shack. Since then, Radio Shack has replaced it with another model, the **Dirt Devil® Detailer**. It's similar and should work well. Just be gentle.

Washing a Chi Energy™ Bag



You can hand wash a Chi Energy™ Bag as long as you're gentle. You'll probably need to remove the cord, iron it flat, and then restring the cord and refold it to stand up or lie flat as a pendant, as you prefer. When making the Chi Energy™ bags, I've always used an ironing cloth. Of course, you'll need to use a low heat.



If you decide to renew the Scotchgard® protection after washing your Chi Energy™ Bag, be sure to use plenty of ventilation. Don't breathe the fumes. Wear protective gloves while spraying. You can spray the bag flat, then hang it to dry.

Renewing Chi Energy

Paper usually holds Chi energy for about a year at a time. You can easily renew the Chi energy in your bag by giving it a simple blessing and asking that the energy be renewed. It's that simple. Whatever your spiritual tradition and path, you can use or create an appropriate ritual for blessing and renewal.

Feel free to contact me if you have any problems or concerns.

This article is also on my website, at

<http://www.cjmorgan.com/paper-vessels/medicine-bags-care.htm>, with links to sources for the books, mini-vac, and display cubes & domes.