What happens to old casino chips?

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Millions of casino chips have been taken out of Nevada resorts this year by tourists and local visitors. Hundreds of thousands more expire when a casino ,like the Las Vegas Club, closes.

But while the final destination of the casino chips in the hands of tourists is anybody's guess, the fate of expired chips, or ones from casinos on the way out, is more specific.

Casino chips are most often sent to their vendors and ground to pieces by large industrial machines, said Karl Bennison, chief of enforcement at the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

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