

More hotels are evicting phone books from rooms

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Phone books, like tube TVs, are starting to disappear from hotel rooms.

Omni Hotels, citing environmental concerns, announced Wednesday that it will eliminate phone books in its 45 hotels. The current stock of 30,000 phone books will be recycled, the Irving, Texas-based company says.

"We found that that no one uses them anymore," spokeswoman Caryn Kboudi says. "They just collect dust and take up drawer space."

While a vast majority of hotels in the USA continue to stock phone books, Omni joins a growing list of hotel chains that are eliminating them to cut down on paper waste and present clutter-free rooms. Hyatt Hotels, Hyatt Place, Kimpton Hotels and several chains operated by Starwood Hotels - Westin, Sheraton, Aloft and Element - no longer carry phone books in their rooms (although they're available at the front desks).

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