

## Sustainability defined:

Actions are sustainable when their economic, environmental, and social consequences do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs.



## The 4Rs? Get a Clue!

These heavy-duty plastic cases, suitable for K-Adult, are loaded with a variety of hands-on educational tools emphasizing the importance of the 4Rs—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink. The cases include videos, educational resources, an introduction to the Illinois Sustainable Education Project (ISTEP) programs, and a wide variety of products made from recycled materials such as aluminum, steel, paper, plastic, rubber and glass. It also helps you teach about renewable resources, such as corn and soy.

Integrate these cases into your current recycling curriculum. It's a great opportunity to introduce the fourth "R"—Rethink. Rethink means looking at products and purchases in a new way, and considering whether a product is made with recycled content or is recyclable. Rethinking helps everyone to make smart consumer choices.

## The Verdict is In!

If you are interested in borrowing the 4Rs case, you may also want to check out other DCEO programs and services:

- n **EEK! There's a Worm in My Room! Vermi-composting Case** - learn about composting food waste with worms. The kit has videos, books and educational material on this fascinating topic.
- n **Watts Up? Energy Efficiency Case** - this demonstration kit also contains videos, books, and hands-on educational material on why energy efficiency makes cents!
- n **Illinois Sustainability Patch Program** - Students may complete activities related to sustainability to earn a special patch.
- n **Resources** - Bookmarks, posters, and pamphlets promoting recycling and energy efficiency, and renewable energy are available free of charge from ISTEP.

### Mailing/Shipping Procedure

Please request the case at least two weeks prior to the date needed to ensure availability. After receiving a case request, DCEO will respond with an e-mail confirmation and send the case via UPS. When the loan period is up (two weeks), you are required to inventory the materials, fill out the evaluation form, and place the case in the regular UPS drop off/pickup station at school, home or office. This shipping service is totally free of charge.

However, if the case is not in the usual UPS pickup location, making it readily available to the UPS driver, or if the case is not ready for pickup on the date specified, you will be responsible for shipping charges. The demand for these cases is very high and they must be returned according to the date on the agreement. If you have questions about the process, please contact Brett Ivers, 217/524-5859, or bivers@ildceo.net

## Borrowing Agreement for "The Case for Investigating 4Rs"

Please fill out this form, obtain the proper signatures, and mail to Brett Ivers, DCEO Bureau of Energy and Recycling Illinois Sustainable Education Project, 620 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Age Level: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Date needed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Number of students to use the case: \_\_\_\_\_

**I AGREE TO** (please read and check-off all requirements):

- Follow the shipping procedures outlined in this brochure and understand that I may be charged shipping fees (\$40-50) to overnight the case back to DCEO should I fail to comply with the procedures.
- I will put the case in the usual UPS drop-off/pick-up location after my two-week loan period is up.

Borrower's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

If you have any questions, please contact

**Brett Ivers** at 217/524-5859, or  
e-mail: bivers@ildceo.net  
TDD users please call 800/785-6055.





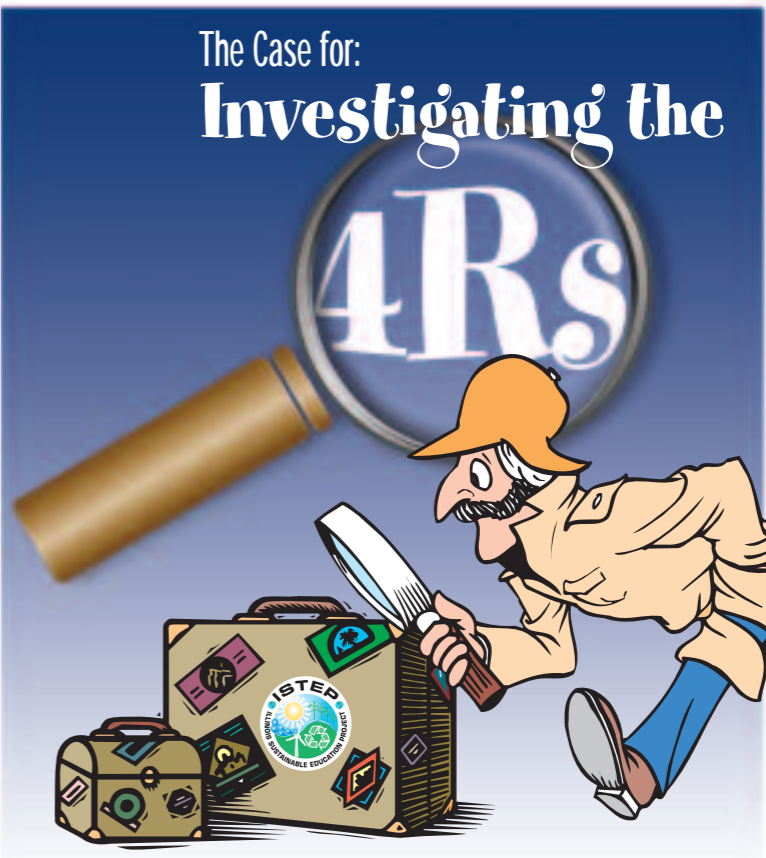
Borrow the Illinois Sustainable Education Project's free case of educational materials and learn more about the

**4Rs!**

reduce,  
reuse,  
recycle,  
rethink.

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