

2021 SOD BLITZ

May 15th, 16th & 17th

Due to the direction and guidance from the CDPH on COVID-19 and social distancing the community meeting/training sessions **will not be held** but instead there is an **online training** for this years SOD BLITZ at www.sodblitz.org.

Currently the tree disease Sudden Oak Death (SOD) is found in 16 counties and is currently found at the Monterey/San Luis Obispo County border. Early detection on bay laurel is key, before the infection of oaks and tanoaks, for a successful proactive attempt to slow down the SOD epidemic. SOD infected oaks can also burn very hot, increasing fire intensity around them.

In 2020, the aggressive EU1 strain of *P. ramorum* was found for the first time in Del Norte County and its pivotal we know if this strain is elsewhere! In 2019, *P. ramorum* has been found in three streams (not on landscape vegetation) in San Luis Obispo County, so continuing to sampling bay laurel is **critical**.

Registration: <http://ucanr.edu/sodbiltz2021>

Training - www.sodblitz.org



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- The training can be done anytime at www.sodblitz.org and packets will be available for pick up and drop off at San Luis Obispo Agricultural Commissioners Offices at Templeton and San Luis Obispo.

San Luis Obispo SOD BLITZ - 2021

- **Online Training** – www.sodblitz.org
- **Packet Pickup & Drop-off Locations:**
 - San Luis Obispo Agricultural Commissioner's Office – 2156 Sierra Way # A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Drive around to the parking lot in the back. Look for plastic bin near back door by the picnic table on the Johnson Ave side of the building.
 - Hours: Friday, May 14th after 1:00PM – Tuesday morning, May 18th at 10:00AM – Available ALL HOURS.
 - San Luis Obispo Agriculture Department in Templeton - 350 N Main St, Templeton, CA 93465. Bin will be located outside by the front doors.
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- **Collecting** – Saturday, Sunday & Monday - May 15, 16 & 17. All of the materials necessary for the training and the collecting will be provided.

PACKETS WILL BE PICKED UP AT EACH LOCATION
BY 10:00AM ON TUESDAY MAY 18th