

2021 SOD BLITZ

May 15th, 16th & 17th

The tree disease Sudden Oak Death (SOD) is killing millions of oaks in California and Oregon with the southernmost known location at the Monterey/San Luis Obispo County border. Early detection on bay laurel trees, before the infection of oaks and tanoaks is key to slowing the SOD epidemic. SOD-infected oaks can also burn very hot, increasing fire intensity around them.

In 2020, the aggressive EU1 strain of the SOD pathogen (*Phytophthora ramorum*) was found for the first time in northern County and its pivotal we know if this strain is elsewhere! In 2019, *P. ramorum* has been found in **3 streams in San Luis Obispo County but not on plants**, so continuing to sampling bay laurel is **critical**.

Each person is required to take a short training in order to participate in the SOD BLITZ, and due to state and local COVID restrictions, the training is provided online. Additional COVID guidelines are provided on the training page.

Registration: <http://ucanr.edu/sodblitz2021>

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.

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- **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