

2023 SOD BLITZ

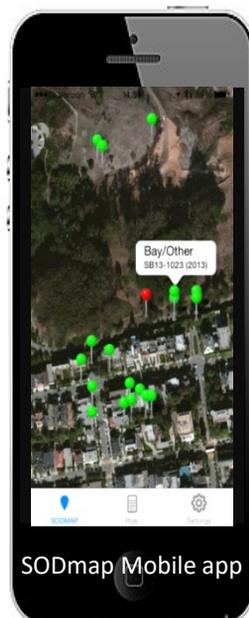
May 5th – May 9th

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 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 California and its pivotal we know if this strain is elsewhere. Because of the biology of this pathogen, requiring rainfall to spread, the **2023 SOD Blitzes will probably be the most important ones we have ever had.** In 2019, *P. ramorum* has been found in 3 streams in San Luis Obispo County but not on vegetation, so continuing to survey especially this year on bay laurel is especially **critical**.

Each person is required to take a short training in order to participate in the SOD BLITZ, the training is provided online at www.sodblitz.org.

Please register with us locally in order to provide enough collecting packet
Registration: <https://ucanr.edu/sodblitz2023>



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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 - 2023

- **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. Follow signs and look for plastic bin near back door by the picnic table on the Johnson Ave side of the building.
 - Hours: Friday, May 5th after 1:00PM – Tuesday morning, May 9th 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 6, 7, 8. 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 9th