

# Sudden Oak Death

Sudden Oak Death (SOD), caused by *Phytophthora ramorum*, is a serious exotic disease that is threatening the survival of tanoak and several oak species in California.

Currently SOD is found in 15 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.



Matteo Garbelotto from UC Berkeley will be coming to explain the 2016 and 2017 SOD BLITZ results. We encourage you all to attend to hear Matteo and to participate in the 2018 SOD BLITZ!

## 2018 SOD BLITZ DATES

**Atascadero – April 20, 6:30-7:30PM**

**San Luis Obispo – April 21, 12-1PM**

<http://ucanr.edu/2018sodblitztraining>



SODmap Mobile app



# Purpose of SOD BLITZ

The SOD-blitz is to inform and educate the community about the disease and its effects, get locals involved in detecting the disease, and produce detailed local maps of disease distribution. The map can then be used to identify those areas where the infestation may be mild enough to justify proactive management.

- A community meeting/training session held on a Friday evening and Saturday afternoon; followed by collection of leaf samples by volunteers on Saturday and Sunday.
- Samples and accompanying forms are then turned in after collections are completed, at a central locations Saturday and Sunday afternoon/evenings.

## San Luis Obispo SOD BLITZ - 2018

- **Training** – Friday, April 20, 6:30-7:30pm , SLO County Atascadero Library, Martin Polin Community Room, 6555 Capistrano Ave, Atascadero, CA.
- **Training** - Saturday, April 21, 12-1pm, SLO County Department of Agriculture, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA
- **Collecting** – Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21. All of the materials necessary for the training and the collecting over weekend will be provided.

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