



News Advisory

FREE SUDDEN OAK DEATH PREVENTATIVE TREATMENT TRAINING SESSIONS

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BERKELEY—Free Sudden Oak Death (SOD) preventative treatment training sessions are being offered this spring at UC Berkeley. Each 2-hour field session will be held rain or shine, and is intended for all interested parties. Sessions will cover basic SOD information, integrated pest management approaches to managing SOD, how to select candidate trees for treatment, and proper preventative treatment application.

When: Wednesday, February 11, 2009
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Wednesday, April 22, 2009
Wednesday, May 6, 2009
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Tolman Hall “Portico”
Hearst Avenue at Arch/Le Conte
(a short block past the Oxford St.-Hearst Ave.
intersection at the NW corner of campus)
University of California
Berkeley, CA

“This treatment has been available for use in California for several years,” said Matteo Garbelotto, UCCE Specialist in Forest Pathology and Mycology, UC Berkeley. “While it cannot cure Sudden Oak Death, it can help to protect high-value, high-risk trees from becoming infected. I would encourage anyone who is in a SOD-infested area to attend one of these sessions so they can be aware of this valuable management tool.”

Caused by the plant pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, Sudden Oak Death is severely impacting oaks and tanoaks throughout 14 coastal California counties, from Monterey County, north to Humboldt County. Since the mid-1990s, over a million oak and tanoak trees have died, and countless more are currently infected.

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Pre-registration is required. Register early as space is limited. CEU credits will be offered for DPR, ISA, SAF, and the California Urban Forestry Council. To register, email SODtreatment@nature.berkeley.edu, and provide your name, phone number, affiliation (if applicable), and the date for which you are registering. For more information on the training sessions or on Sudden Oak Death issues, contact Katie Palmieri at (510) 847-5482 or Palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu.

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