



## News Advisory

### SUDDEN OAK DEATH PREVENTATIVE TREATMENT TRAINING SESSIONS

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BERKELEY—Free Sudden Oak Death (SOD) preventative treatment training workshops are being offered once a month from September – December on the UC Berkeley campus. Each 2-hour field session will be held rain or shine, and is intended for all interested parties, including media. 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, September 10, 2008  
Wednesday, October 1, 2008  
Wednesday, November 12, 2008  
Wednesday, December 10, 2008  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Outside Tolman Hall at the oak tree  
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

“Currently there is only one Sudden Oak Death preventative treatment registered for use in California on oaks and tanoaks. When applied properly, this treatment can help to protect susceptible trees from becoming infected. I encourage anyone dealing with this issue to attend a training session to see if this treatment could be useful for their situation,” said Matteo Garbelotto, UCCE Specialist in Forest Pathology and Mycology, UC Berkeley.

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, *P. ramorum* has

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killed millions of oak and tanoak trees in California, and countless more are currently infected.

**Pre-registration is required for these free training sessions, and space is limited. CEU credits have been applied for and are pending approval by DPR, ISA, SAF, and California Urban Forestry Council. To register, email [SODtreatment@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto: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](mailto:Palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu).**

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