



# Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Blitz

Community Science Volunteers Needed

**Saturday, April 15 • Packet Pickup 9-11am**

The Napa SOD Blitz is an opportunity to learn about Sudden Oak Death, how to assess the risk of the disease in your area, and to get free testing using California bay laurel leaves from any property of your choice in Napa County.



**What is it?** Sudden Oak Death is a pathogen that has killed millions of oaks and tanoaks in California. It spreads readily in mild, wet weather. Napa's role in the statewide effort is important for understanding how the disease spreads or retreats in various climate zones.

**Interested in participating?** Go online to UC Berkeley's Matteo Lab webpage to view a training video and sign up. Volunteers will pick up sampling packets on April 15 at the front porch of the Napa County Ag. Commissioners Office, 1710 Soscol Avenue, and return the samples to the same location by April 17.

**You can find links to last year's results webinar and the training for this year's blitz on the Napa RCD website:**

**[NapaRCD.org/events/SOD2023](https://NapaRCD.org/events/SOD2023)**

**Questions about the Napa County SOD Blitz?  
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