

*Portola Valley & Woodside SOD-BLITZ*  
**SUDDEN OAK DEATH /PHYTOPHTHORA RAMORUM**

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**Community Meeting & Instructions: 7:00p.m. May 9th, 2008**  
**Specimen Collections in the Field: May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**Woodside Town Hall**  
**2955 Woodside Rd. Woodside**

Sudden Oak Death (SOD) has already made an impact on our community. Oaks are dying in our neighborhoods, backyards, watershed and open space lands. The swath of infection continues to grow each year.

**WHAT IS A SOD BLITZ ?** SOD Blitzes inform and educate the community about Sudden Oak Death. Residents are invited to collect specimens and assist in producing detailed local maps of disease distribution. The map can then be used to identify possible treatments.

**HOW IS THE SOD BLITZ STRUCTURED ?**

1. A community meeting is held on a Friday evening. The goals of the meeting are to:
  - a) **Train participants to identify SOD symptoms**
  - b) **Explain details of the sampling/collection process**
  - c) **Explain how to record the sample location (address, GPS, etc.)**
  - d) **Define collection areas for each participant**
  - e) **Distribute necessary materials to participants**
2. On Sat & Sun, samples are collected by the individual participants. Samples are then returned to Woodside Town Hall.
3. UC Berkeley diagnostic laboratory will analyze each sample through microscopic and DNA analysis. Once all samples have been tested, a map will be generated identifying the absence or presence of *p. ramorum*/Sudden Oak Death at each collection location.

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