



City of  
**Kelowna**

# Sterile Insect Release Program - 2026

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# Sterile Insect Release (SIR) Program

- The Central Okanagan joined the SIR program in 2002
- Current participants include the Okanagan Similkameen, Central and North Okanagan and the Columbia Shuswap region
- It's a codling moth management program that is environmentally friendly and controls the risk of codling moth infestation in commercial orchards and urban areas
- SIR board is requesting a tax levy of \$1,204,745 to cover the 2026 program budget

# Part 1: Levy on Land Only

- A general levy of 0.0244 cents per thousand of assessed value of land on all classes.
  - For example: \$2.44 would be levied on land that is assessed at \$100,000

# Part 2: Levy on Parcels

- All parcels of land that are **0.3** acres or more and contain 20 or more codling moth host trees are charged \$186.11 per assessed acre.
- Bylaw 12893 adjusts the Parcel Tax levy for 2026.



*Questions?*

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