

Center Stage® Red

Crape myrtle *Lagerstroemia indica*

Do you live for the drama? Looking for a plant that commands the spotlight but is still easy to grow? Center Stage Red crape myrtle is just the plant to fill the role! With its deep black foliage and glowing red flowers, it truly will command center stage in your landscape. This variety is vigorous and resists the diseases that often plague the species, so you'll enjoy clean, glossy foliage all season long. It naturally grows with a narrow, space-saving habit that eliminates the need to prune and opens up a range of landscaping possibilities.

Top reasons to grow Center Stage Red crape myrtle:

- Nearly black foliage with excellent disease resistance.
- Cheerful cherry-colored flowers all summer.
- Colorful foliage and flowers keeps it interesting from spring through fall.

Disease Resistant

Long Blooming

Foliage Interest

Resists:

Deer

CHARACTERISTICS

Plant Type: Shrub

Shrub Type: Deciduous

Height Category: Medium

Garden Height: 72 - 144 Inches

Spacing: 96 Inches

Spread: 96 Inches

Flower Colors: Red

Flower Shade: Cherry-ruby

Foliage Colors: Black/Purple

Foliage Shade: Black

Habit: Upright

Container Role: Thriller

PLANT NEEDS

Light Requirement: Sun

Maintenance Category: Easy

Blooms On: New Wood

Bloom Time:

Summer through Fall

Hardiness Zones: - 6-10

Water Category: Average

Uses: Border Plant, Container, Landscape, Mass Planting, Specimen or Focal Point

Uses Notes: Plant in landscapes and gardens for color from spring through fall. Dwarf habit allows them to be used as a low hedge or specimen, or mixed with colorful perennials.

Maintenance Notes:

Though Center Stage Red crape myrtle has been evaluated and shown to have excellent disease resistance, it should still be planted in full sun (6+ hrs/day), and overwatering should be avoided, to ensure the best performance.

The dwarf, shrubby habit of these crape myrtles means they don't need regular pruning. However, if you wish to prune them, early spring, just as the new growth begins to emerge on the stems, is the best time.

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