

Black Diamond Red Hot Crape Myrtle



Lagerstroemia indica 'Black Diamond Red Hot'

- **Use:** The Black Diamond Crape Myrtle variety represents the first series of true dark-leaved crape myrtles. The blooms of the Red Hot Black Diamond come in a bright red blooms which offset the intense hues of the dark leaves. These crape myrtles are drought tolerant, mildew resistant, and low-maintenance. This crape myrtle can be used in Zones 2-5 if in a planter and brought in during the winter months.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full/part sun; well-draining soil and appreciates slow release fertilizer. Water regularly. They tolerate clay and alkaline soil well. Prefers not to have water on the leaves so use drip instead of sprinkler irrigation.
- **Growth:** This variety has been described as having an intermediate growth habit, reaching 10 ft. to 12 ft. tall, a spread of 4 ft. to 5 ft., and can be used as a specimen or in mass plantings.
- **Hardiness:** Zones 6-9
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Mildew resistant dark leaves.
- **Flowers:** The bright red blooms reach their productivity peak during the summer and fall months.

Crape Myrtles look particularly nice when lining driveways or fences, and can also be planted in a container on your deck or patio as long as the container is at least 12 in. diameter.

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