

# Magic Purple Crape Myrtle



As they grow, crape myrtles can be trained into a clump of trees or keep a shrub like form. This characteristic makes

them perfect for a number situations, such as the center piece of a garden or yard, a backdrop in front of a fence, lining a drive, or planting on the corner of a house.



## *Lagerstroemia indica* 'First Edition Purple Magic'

- **Use:** Blooming in early summer with dark purple flowers, this dense shrub form of crapemyrtle fits in the landscape where taller crapemyrtles do not. The new growth has a reddish tint and eventually matures to glossy green, setting off the rich purple flowers. Like the other Magic crapemyrtles, Purple Magic will bloom again in late summer if the first flush of flowers are deadheaded. It is also highly resistant to leaf spot and powdery mildew.
- **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 7 ft. to 8 ft. tall, a spread of 7 ft. to 8 ft., and can be used as a specimen or in mass plantings. These trees can create shoots of new growth of more than a foot in just a few short weeks.
- **Hardiness:** Zones 6-9; Shrub/ Small tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The leaves of crape myrtles are a unique glossy red/green and the growth rate of a crape myrtle is incredible,
- **Flowers:** The blooms of a crape myrtle are a magnificent display that attract flocks of hummingbirds and butterflies through the summer months. These purple crape myrtles produce 6" to 12" clusters of purple flowers that can last for many weeks or even months.

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