



## Princess Lyla™ Crapemyrtle *Lagerstroemia 'GA 0804'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Crape Myrtle, Crepe Myrtle

Group/Class: Princess Series

### Description:

This attractive ornamental shrub produces amazing rose-pink blooms in summer, followed by flaming gold fall foliage; a captivating focal point for the garden or border; perfect for mass plantings; disease resistant and cold tolerant

### Ornamental Features

Princess Lyla Crapemyrtle features bold panicles of rose frilly flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall. It has attractive dark green foliage with pointy chartreuse spines. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding gold in the fall.

### Landscape Attributes

Princess Lyla Crapemyrtle is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Princess Lyla Crapemyrtle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Princess Lyla Crapemyrtle flowers*  
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*Princess Lyla Crapemyrtle in bloom*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Princess Lyla Crapemyrtle will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Princess Lyla Crapemyrtle makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.