

Crapemyrtle (*Lagerstomia indica*)

A deciduous shrub or small tree that blooms from mid-summer to frost in full sun and is drought tolerant. The Tulsa area is at the uppermost limit for cold-hardiness, so it may suffer freeze-damage during severe winter temperatures, but will usually come back at the base.

People are encouraged to consider size in their choice of plant selection instead of using severe pruning to keep the crapemyrtle the size that they want.

Pruning tip: The best time to prune crapemyrtles is in late winter or early spring before bud break. Additional pruning may be done after growth begins and the dead parts identify themselves. Do NOT prune tree forms back to little sticks as this will create knobs and make the new growth more susceptible to wind breakage due to a heavy flower set.

Here is a list of common crapemyrtles available in our area according to size and color:

Mini

- Rosey Carpet – pink – 1 ft.
- Violet Filli – purple – 1 ft.
- Baton Rouge – red – 2 ft.
- Red Filli – red – 1 ft.

Dwarf

- Pocomoke – pink – 3 ft.
- Tightwad – red – 2-3 ft.
- Centennial – purple - 3-4 ft.
- Cherry Dazzle – red - 3-5 ft.
- Dwarf Victor – red - 3-5 ft.
- Mandi – red – 3-5 ft.
- Dwarf Pink Ruffles – pink – 4-6 ft.
- Dwarf Royalty – purple – 4-6 ft.
- Dwarf Snow – white – 4-6 ft.
- Velma's Delight – magenta – 3-6 ft.

Semi-dwarf

Acoma – white – 8-10 ft.

Siren Red – red – 8-10 ft.

White Chocolate – wine – 8-10 ft.

Hopi – pink – 6-8 ft.

Standard

Arapaho – red – 12-15 ft.

Burgundy Cotton – white – 10-12 ft.

Catawba – purple – 10-12 ft.

Dynamite – deep red – 10-12 ft.

Pink Velour – deep pink – 10-12 ft.

Raspberry Sundae – red to pink – 10- 12 ft.

Rhapsody in Pink – pink – 10-12 ft.

Sioux – pink – 10-12 ft.

Royal Velvet – pink – 10-12 ft.

Twilight – purple – 10-12 ft.

Burgundy Cotton – purple – 10-12 ft.

Large

Red Rocket – red – 12-15 ft.

Muskogee – purple – 15-20 ft.

Natchez – white – 15-20 ft.