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## Double Dynamite® Crapemyrtle

***Lagerstroemia indica 'Whit X'***

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Crape Myrtle, Crepe Myrtle

**Description:**

This outstanding variety produces volumes of vivid, cherry-red frilly blooms in summer, over contrasting deep purple foliage; blooms continuously on the same panicle; captivating focal point for the garden or border; also good for container planting



*Double Dynamite Crapemyrtle flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Double Dynamite Crapemyrtle is draped in stunning panicles of cherry red frilly flowers at the ends of the branches from early to late summer. It has attractive dark green foliage with hints of deep purple which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn orange in fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Double Dynamite 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Double Dynamite Crapemyrtle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



*Double Dynamite Crapemyrtle in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Planting & Growing**

Double Dynamite Crapemyrtle will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



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