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Princess Zoey Crape Myrtle

Lagerstroemia 'GA 0702'

Height: 5 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 red and pink blooms in summer, followed by vibrant reddish-purple fall foliage; a captivating focal point for the garden or border; perfect for mass plantings

Ornamental Features

Princess Zoey Crape Myrtle features bold panicles of red frilly flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall. It has attractive dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of red and purple in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Princess Zoey Crape Myrtle 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 Zoey Crape Myrtle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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Planting & Growing

Princess Zoey Crape Myrtle will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Princess Zoey Crape Myrtle 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.