



How to Grow Lagerstroemia

Position – Sun

Soil – Well-drained

Flowering Period – Summer and autumn

Hardiness – Half hardy

About Lagerstroemia

Lagerstroemia are deciduous or evergreen trees or shrubs, most commonly referred to as 'Crape (Crepe) Myrtles. These plants often have distinctive bark, simplistic foliage and conical panicles of divine flowers, each embellished with ruffled petals. Lagerstroemia are best suited to wall side borders within courtyard, coastal or patio and container gardens. You should expect to see Lagerstroemia grow to an approximate height and spread of 8m (26").

How to plant Lagerstroemia

Lagerstroemia are best planted in well-drained soil of sand, chalk and loam within an acidic, alkaline or neutral PH balance. Dig a hole that is twice the width and the equivalent depth of the root ball and back fill with the loosened soil. Provide a layer of mulch around the base of your plant to retain moisture levels whilst suppressing weeds. Water thoroughly and deeply to settle the soil in place. Position in a place that receives full sunlight around 6 hours per day.

How to care for Lagerstroemia

Once established Lagerstroemia are generally drought tolerant although will benefit from watering during prolonged periods of dry weather. Provide an annual feed with a general-purpose fertiliser during spring as soon as foliage is evident. Most Lagerstroemia should only require pruning if they are growing unevenly or if they look untidy.

How to propagate Lagerstroemia

It is possible to propagate Lagerstroemia by seed or softwood cuttings during spring. Alternatively, you can propagate by semi-ripe cuttings during the summer.