

# CENTER STAGE™ Red

*Lagerstroemia indica* 'SMNLICBF'

ppaf, cbraf

Common name: crape myrtle



Landscape Info:	
USDA zones:	7-9
Mature height:	6-12'/1.8-3.6 m
Exposure:	Full sun
Irrigation:	Average

Features & Benefits:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very dark black, disease resistant foliage</li> <li>- Expect a flowering finished container in one growing season</li> <li>- Narrow, upright habit</li> </ul>	



Cultural info:		
pH Level:	5.6 - 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Average-high	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	High	
Watering:	High	
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	40 – 50° F/4.4 – 10° C	
Sales Window:	All season (summer bloom, fall color)	
Blooms On:	New wood	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 1-2 times	
Vernalization:	Not required	
Vigor Rating:	Fast	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	8-10 • 7-9 • 6-8
2 - 3 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	14-16 • 12-14 • 10-12

Grower Tips:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very fast to produce; this crape myrtle is upright with a good branching habit, it will grow from a liner to finished container in one season.</li> <li>• After overwintering, wait for spring flush, then trim out any dead wood.</li> <li>• Can be cycle-pruned to ship in bloom through the season; allow 6-8 weeks after last trim for flower buds to form.</li> <li>• More resistant to powdery mildew, but all cultural methods to avoid it should be implemented (proper spacing, water only in the mornings, provide good air circulation, clean up fallen foliage).</li> <li>• Spider mites and aphids may be an issue; scout frequently and minimize drought stress.</li> </ul>	
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