Crepe Myrtle
*Lagerstroemia x ‘Biloxi’*

A long period of striking summer flower color, attractive fall foliage, and moderate drought-tolerance all combine to make 'Biloxi' Crape-Myrtle a favorite small tree for either formal or informal landscapes. The 6- to 12-inch-long clustered pink blooms appear on the tips of branches during the summer. The individual flowers are ruffled and crinkly as to appear made of crepe paper. Crape-Myrtle grows best in full sun with rich, moist soil but will tolerate less hospitable positions in the landscape once it becomes established. Remove the spent flower heads to encourage a second flush of flowers. Lower branches are often thinned to show off the trunk form and color. Since cultivars are now available in a wide range of growth heights, severe pruning should not be necessary to control size. Severe pruning can stimulate basal sprouting which can become a constant nuisance, requiring regular removal.

**Type:** perennial

**USDA hardiness zones:** 7a through 9b

**Uses:** border; mass planting; container or above-

**Origin:** not native to Florida

**Height:** 15 to 25 feet  
**Spread:** 15 to 25 feet

**Plant spacing:** 24 to 36 inches

**Light requirement:** plant grows in full sun

**Soil tolerances:** sand; loam; clay; acidic; slightly alkaline; well-drained

**Drought tolerance:** high

**Aerosol salt tolerances:** moderate

**Invasive potential:** little invasive potential

**Pest resistance:** resistant to pests/diseases