

Topping is Crape Murder!

Say **No!** to topping crape myrtles!

Topping is bad business:

- Topping ruins crape myrtles' natural form.
- Topping is permanent – you'll look at it all winter, every winter.
- Topping decreases crape myrtles' annual bloom display.

Never remove anything from the tops of crape myrtles.
There is no quicker way to permanently ruin them. *



* If you are the unhappy owner of a crape myrtle that has been topped, your best recourse is to cut it completely to the ground over the winter. Retrain the new shoots that emerge. You'll be amazed at how quickly you can have an attractive shrub or tree-form crape myrtle – usually within just a year or two. It really works!

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