



Your Crape Myrtle Treatment: What to Expect

The scale dies first. The black on the bark takes longer to go away. That is normal.



Crape myrtle bark scale: white, crusty bumps on the trunk. Photo: Matthew Borden, CC BY-SA 2.0, via Wikimedia Commons.

BEFORE TREATMENT DAY

1. Show us **every crape myrtle** on your property, even the small ones. Scale **spreads tree to tree**.

TREATMENT DAY

1. One visit: we treat the **soil** and spray the **trunk and limbs** the same day.
2. The soil treatment works **from the inside out**. The tree takes it up through its **roots**.

AFTER TREATMENT: WHAT YOU WILL SEE

When	What you will see	What to do
First	The scale dies . The tree still looks black for a while.	Nothing . This is normal.
Once the scale is dead	The black sooty mold stops growing and starts to weather off the trunk, leaves, patio and car.	Optional: a light pressure wash , just enough to blow it off , not enough to damage the bark.
By next year	Cleaner bark , clean new leaves and blooms coming back .	Enjoy a pretty tree .

THE BLACK IS NOT THE TREE

The black film is **sooty mold**. It grows on the **sticky honeydew** the scale leaves behind, not in the wood.

- Once the scale is dead, the mold has **nothing to feed on** and fades.

Have a question? **Text us a picture** at **(984) 284-5399** and let us know.

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