

ALERT: CREPE MYRTLE BARK SCALE IS INVADING BAY POINTE

Crepe myrtle bark scale is an invasive pest that appears as white, waxy spots on crepe myrtle trees, often leading to a black sooty mold on the bark. It can significantly weaken trees, reduce blooming, and cause stress. Management includes manual removal with a brush, application of horticultural oil or insecticidal soap and for more effective long-term control, systemic insecticides applied to the soil.

The Board has treated all the crepe myrtles in our common areas, but we now see that many of the trees on our homeowner's properties are effective by the scale. We need everyone to help kill the scale so that it does not spread to other trees. Right now, it is dormant but will come back in the Spring. Effective treatment can be found at Lowe's, Home Depot, or any nursery.

If your trees look like this, you need to treat them in the Spring to save them!

