

How to Care for a **RED CLUSTER BOTTLEBRUSH**
Shrub/Tree
Callistemon citrinus 'Red Cluster'

SELECT SITE:

Light Requirements: Thrives in Full Sun (at least 6+ hours per day of direct sunlight)

Will tolerate a lightly shaded site

This shrub will grow larger to 12-15 ft. tall by 8-10 ft. wide; Space 8 ft. away from other plants or structures

Tolerates a wide range of soils, prefers rich moist loam.

Versatile Plant for:

Specimen for rock garden. To flank the corner of the home. Small tree. Background plant. Container plant.

Ideal USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 9,10,11

PLANT PREP:

Open box upon arrival, remove packing materials to let the plant "breathe". Remove plastic bag, tape, and newspaper. Water well. There are drainage holes in the bottom of the pot so do this outside where the extra water will drain away.

HOLE PREP:

Dig saucer shaped hole. The depth is determined by measuring the height of the roots from root flare to bottom. The width is 2-3 times the root ball diameter. Using these calculations, the ideal hole for the new bush will be approximately 10" tall by 24-30" wide.

PLANTING:

Place plant in hole and adjust for aesthetics. Hold in place while adding more soil, until the hole is completely filled. Push soil down until firm. Do not plant the shrub deeper than it has already been growing. Water well immediately after planting. Mulch evenly to a depth of 2-3 inches being sure to stay at least 4" away from its trunk.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE:

If desired, fertilize in spring when new growth begins. Apply 2 tbsp. of an all-purpose slow release fertilizer upon the ground in a band around the plant at least 6" away from its stem.

Water regularly; more frequent watering in extreme heat, especially during first year to ensure the growth of a mature root system. Drought tolerant once mature roots have been established.

Prune often to encourage new growth and shear annually to maintain desired shape.