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Cypress Gardens

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To Whom it May Concern:

Cypress Gardens was nearly destroyed by Hurricane Hugo. Most of the buildings were severely damaged and we estimate that more than 12,000 massive old trees were destroyed by the storm.

We contracted with Mike Mitchell and Company for debris removal over more than eighty acres of the garden and we were highly pleased with Mr. Mitchell's work. He completed the job well ahead of schedule, was extremely innovative in techniques he used to minimize damage to our sensitive gardens, and went far beyond the tenets of our contract to insure that Cypress Gardens could be returned to its former glory. Our contract with Mr. Mitchell was the largest debris contract awarded in the wake of Hurricane Hugo and Mr. Mitchell handled all aspects of the contract with professionalism. In addition, in this contract and in many others he has bid on or been awarded by the city, his charges for the work he does are consistently reasonable.

I would highly recommend Mike Mitchell and Company for any type of debris removal or heavy equipment work. If you have specific questions concerning Mr. Mitchell's work here, please feel free to contact me anytime. (803-553-0515)

Sincerely,

Catherine Townsend, Manager
Cypress Gardens

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