



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**LIBERTY UTILITIES AND EMPIRE DISTRICT
ENCOURAGE ACTION IF YOU SMELL GAS**

JOPLIN, MO – February 26, 2018 – Liberty Utilities and Empire District encourage customers to take action if they smell gas.

Natural gas has no scent of its own. The natural gas odor is added for safety reasons to aid in the detection of a gas leak. The rotten egg smell helps in the detection of even the tiniest gas leak. If you smell gas, do not attempt to locate the leak.

- From a safe distance, call our emergency gas leak number at 800-406-9220.
- Do not turn any electrical switches, appliances, or lights on or off, or unplug electrical appliances when there is a strong gas odor.
- Do not use telephones in the area of a strong gas odor.
- Do not use elevators.
- Do not position or operate vehicles and power equipment where leaking gas may be present.
- Do not smoke or use lighters, matches, or other open flames.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, Empire District is a subsidiary of Liberty Utilities Co. and headquarters for the Liberty Utilities Central Region, providing electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater service to nearly 320,000 customers across six states. A subsidiary of the company provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding Empire, visit www.empiredistrict.com.

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