

**LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT ANNOUNCES ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
AT EMPIRE MARKET IN JOPLIN**

JOPLIN, MO – April 25, 2018 – In recognition of Arbor Day, Liberty Utilities – Empire will join the City of Joplin and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) in recognizing the benefits trees provide our community with a short program at **11:00 a.m.** at the Empire Market in Joplin, Missouri.

Seedlings will be available at the “Ask the Arborist” booth following the program through 3:00 p.m., or while supplies last. Liberty foresters will be available to provide information about the importance of planting the right tree in the right place.

For the eighth consecutive year, the Arbor Day Foundation has recognized Liberty - Empire as a Tree Line USA Utility for demonstrating best practices in utility arboriculture. To receive this special designation, Liberty - Empire follows quality tree care standards, provides annual worker training and participates in tree planting, public education and tree-based energy conservation efforts.

For more information about Liberty - Empire’s vegetation management program and tree planting tips, visit us on the web at www.empiredistrict.com/trees.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company 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 340,000 customers across seven states. A subsidiary of the company provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding Empire, visit www.empiredistrict.com. For more information about Liberty Utilities, visit www.libertyutilities.com.

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