

# Empire Crews Work Throughout the Weekend to Fix Power Outages

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JOPLIN, MO.--- Representatives with Empire District Electric say the number of their customers without electricity today is less than 300. Empire crews worked throughout the weekend to fix outages, which reached up to 5,000 customers without power. Additional outages could still happen as the ice starts to melt and move from power lines and trees. Customers should be prepared for possible future outages.

"Have their flashlights and batteries ready. If they do experience an outage, be sure to call us and make a report. Our crews are going to continue to work through the holidays to make those restorations and try to get people's power back on," said Julie Maus, Manager of Media Relations.

Empire Electric asks people to stay away from fallen power lines and do not touch anything that may be in contact with a fallen power lines.