# Postal Service closure could delay delivery of tax forms

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Washington — The suspension of mail service in parts of Michigan and the Midwest due to record-setting cold this week could affect timely delivery of W-2 tax forms.

The postmark deadline for employers to furnish W-2’s to employees is Jan. 31 in order to avoid late penalties.

However, the U.S. Postal Service has not been picking up or delivering mail for the last two days in parts of Michigan and several other states affected by extreme weather.

Mail service was set to resume in the Detroit area on Friday.

“Anyone who’s an employer filling out those forms thinking they had until the 31st, even if they mailed it yesterday, they’re not going to get a postmark that’s good,” U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, said Thursday.

“That could otherwise cause a penalty. It’s an issue we’re hearing from people at home about.”

Upton said his office reached out to the Internal Revenue Service urging the agency to waive penalties for employers affected by the suspension of mail service this week.

The IRS did not respond Thursday to questions.

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