

2021 YEAR-END PLANNING CHECKLIST

Year-end presents an opportunity to review your financial and retirement plan, organize your wealth transfer goals, and implement tax strategies expiring in December.



Investment planning

- Tax loss harvesting
- Trading strategies to avoid wash sale losses
- Portfolio Rebalancing

Tax Planning

- Income bracket shifting
- Reduction of taxable income for closely held business owners
- Sufficiency of tax withholding
- AMT liability reduction
- State and local estate tax planning
- Itemized deduction bunching
- FSA accounts – year end or early 2021 spending deadlines

Retirement planning

- Maximizing 401(K) contributions:
 - Annually through age 49: \$19,500
 - Age 50 and up: \$26,000
- Maximizing IRA contributions:
 - Annually through age 49: \$ 6,000
 - Age 50 and up: \$ 7,000
- Contribution to HSA accounts
- Funding Roth and other IRA accounts for children
- Is a taxable Roth conversion right for you?
- Despite the freeze on RMD's will they benefit you
- Review benefit elections for Social Security and Medicare programs

Strategic Planning

- Annual gifting
- Funding 529 plans
- Funding charitable obligations with appreciated assets or cash?
- Electing to make a charitable bequest directly from your IRA
- Consider advanced gifting, entity discounting and planning strategies

ANNUAL REMINDERS

This is a great time to review certain planning considerations:

2022 Budgeting:

Review your actual 2021 spending, planned big-ticket purchases for 2022, and debt/loan refinance options during low interest rate environment.

Credit report:

The Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each of the nationwide credit reporting companies to provide you a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months.

Health care and insurance:

Review your insurance portfolio to make sure it meets your coverage needs; prior to annual benefits enrollment.

Estate planning:

Review Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney, and other documents designed to transfer or protect your assets. Review elections and appointments made within these documents.

YOUR NEEDS, OUR INSIGHTS



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