2024 · WHAT ISSUES SHOULD I CONSIDER AT THE START OF THE YEAR?



ERSONAL ISSUES	YES	NO	CASH FLOW ISSUES (CONTINUED)
oo you need to assess the progress you made toward your oals last year? If so, consider the following:			If you are married and your spouse does not have earned income, explore spousal IRA options.
 Review and compare your financial models, comparing a snapshot of where you are today to last year and/or a prior time. Inventory your recent accomplishments to identify what strategies worked well. 			Do you need to confirm that you are adequately saving toward your goals? If so, review your target savings and funding rates. If you fully fund some goals early in the year, continue saving toward other goals.
Have you identified new goals for this year or the future? f so, assign a priority and time horizon, and incorporate them into your overall plan.			Do you have funds left in your FSA from last year? If so, consider spending such funds before the expiration of any grace period.
Are there any life events that are likely to occur for yourself or your immediate family this year (e.g., move, marriage, birth, nigher education, job change, retirement, illness, death)?			Are you subject to taking RMDs (including from inherited IRAs)? If so, consider the following: ■ If you are charitably inclined and age 70½ or older, you can do a QCD to satisfy your RMD. Note the "first dollars out" rule.
Do you need to confirm whether you or any family members will reach a milestone age this year? If so, reference the 'Important Milestones' guide.			Time the satisfaction of your RMD to support your goals, and be sure to review your withholdings.
Are you concerned about any variables or circumstances that could potentially impact your plans for this year?			> Do you make annual gifts? If so, make a plan to fund strategically, and track the use of your annual exclusion amount for noncharitable gifts.
CASH FLOW ISSUES	YES	NO	ASSET & DEBT ISSUES
Do you expect your household income and/or expenses to			Do you need to adjust or replenish your emergency fund?
hange materially this year?			Are you planning to buy or sell business, personal, or real
to you need to review your cash flow plan? If so, evaluate your ctual income and expenses, and adjust your spending plan as			property this year? > Do you need to review your investment risk tolerance?
oo you need to review your employee benefits to ensure that you are taking advantage of what your employer offers? If so,			Do you need to review the performance of your investment accounts?
consider maxing out annual contributions to any retirement			Do you need to rebalance your investment portfolio or otherwise adjust your asset allocation? If so, consider the
accounts, Health Savings Account, Flexible Spending Account, and/or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account.			following: Be sure to consider the tax consequences and trade strategically.

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	ASSET & DEBT ISSUES (CONTINUED)	YES	NO
}	Do you need to review your asset location across the accounts in your portfolio? If so, consider holding tax-efficient investments in taxable accounts, and tax-inefficient investments in tax-preferred accounts.		
\rangle	If you have a mortgage, should you explore refinancing?		
\ 	Are there debts that you would like to eliminate this year? If so, strategically target debts with the least favorable terms first.		
}	Are you a co-signer/guarantor on any loans/agreements? If so, check in with the other interested parties to confirm the terms, payment history, current status, etc.		
$\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $	Will you potentially need to borrow funds this year?		
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	TAX ISSUES	YES	NO
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create a harvesting strategy?

INSURANCE ISSUES	YES	NO
Do you expect any changes with regard to your health medical treatments? If so, consider reviewing your heal insurance coverage and alternate options.		
Do you need to review your life insurance coverage?		
Do you need new or increased disability insurance co	verage?	
ls it time to explore (or review existing) LTC insurance	e? 🗆	
Have you made any improvements to your property of acquired new valuables? If so, consider reviewing your insurance (homeowners, renters, etc.), increasing coverage adding riders as appropriate.	property	
LEGAL ISSUES	YES	NO
Do you need to review your estate plan? Do you need to review the titling/ownership of your a	assets?	-
 Are you, or will you be, serving as a fiduciary? If so, co following: Review your duties and your performance to ensure the upholding applicable standards. If you are an Executor or Trustee of an irrevocable trust whether a distribution and election under the 65-Day R be prudent. 	at you are t, consider	
Have any new laws gone into effect that might impact financial plan? If so, consider how your saving strategies tax situation, estate plan, etc. might have been affected a steps might be necessary.	s, income	
Are you subject to any new contracts/agreements, or such arrangements expire?	did any	
If you own a business, are there any changes on the h this year?	norizon	
Are there any state-specific issues to consider?		

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